



Jack Hawkins

June 6, 1936 - October 18, 2019

Jack Morland Hawkins, 83, of Silver Lake, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 18, 2019.

He was born June 6, 1936, in Ness City, Kansas, to Harry E. Hawkins and Sabina I. Hawkins. Jack married Velma Leah Bardin on April 23, 1960, in Fort Worth, Texas. She survives. He is also survived by their four children, Jacque (Mark) Taylor, Joe (Bonnie) Hawkins, Julie (Jim) Gustafson and Jenny (Russell) White; fourteen wonderful grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one on the way; his little dog, Susie; his brothers, Van (Nancy) Hawkins, Silver Lake and Bill Hawkins, Sheridan, Wyoming; sisters, Sue Gramling, Paragould, Arkansas and Beth (Don) Stoecklein, Spring Hill, Kansas; sister-in-law, Glenita Hawkins, St. George, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Robert, Wyonna, John, Karl, Mary Betz, Jerry Hawkins and Dee Guhr.

Jack was raised on a farm in Ness County and joined the Air Force in 1955 where he served in the Communications Squadron for over 20 years and was stationed in many places in the US and abroad, including Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in 1976 and settled in Silver Lake where he worked for Goodyear for 20 years.

His part-time job was volunteering for the Silver Lake Fire Department, where

he had over 36 years of service. He could often be heard manning the station radio on calls and entertaining the crew with his dry wit and orneriness.

Jack's favorite daily pastime was to walk across the street to Casey's for a cup of coffee and a donut and then go make sure the fire station was still in good shape. He was down-to-earth, fun loving and always had something funny to add to the conversation. He loved his wife and was very proud of his kids and all the grandchildren. He will be missed by so many who knew him and loved him.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at the First Baptist Church of Silver Lake, 3439 NW Hoch Rd, Silver Lake. Interment will be at Prairie Home Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the United States Air Force.

In Jack's honor, please feel free to wear your favorite K-State, KC Royals or KC Chiefs apparel and jeans, which is what he was most comfortable in.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Silver Lake Fire Department, PO Box 87, Silver Lake, KS 66539.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Home Cemetery

35th and Menoken Road
Topeka, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Silver Lake
3439 NW Hoch Road
Silver Lake, KS 66539

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Hawkins



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 21, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Jack Hawkins

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Jack was a very special person. Although Wednesday was a very emotional day for all of us, I enjoyed visiting with you Velma as well as Jackie, Joe, Julie and Jenny. I will never forget the friendship you showed to me and the other airman on Jack's shift at the comm center while stationed at Lajes Field in the AZores. We were young and a very long way from home and you Velma and Jack welcomed us into your home let us play dolls with Jackie and trucks with Joe as well as cooking some fabulous meals, I will never forget that. My Mom even remarked how having you guys from Kansas to watch me made them feel good. We will be thinking about all of you in the days ahead and will keep you in our prayers. God Bless all of You, memories are great and they will comfort you in the days ahead. Peggy and I have always enjoyed your friendship.

Dale and Peggy Weinhold - October 24, 2019 at 10:49 AM

LR

“ So enjoyed meeting your dad, he was a joy to talk to. What a blessing to have had a father that was important in your life. Continue to talk about him and cherish those memories. We are praying you feel the Lord's presence and he helps you get through this difficult time. Tom and Lana Ryan

Lana Ryan - October 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Hawkins.



October 22, 2019 at 05:19 PM

TC

“ Tom and Cheri Corwin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack Hawkins.



Tom and Cheri Corwin - October 22, 2019 at 01:33 PM

KY

“ *Velma & family,
Words can't express how sorry I am. Jack was such an amazing man. Funny, loving and so ornery! I enjoyed seeing him every morning for his donut and coffee when I worked at Caseys. I can't imagine seeing the morning coffee group at the station without him. His presence will be greatly missed by all of us, but I know his memories will be with us always. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all very much.*

Kay Yette - October 22, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jack Hawkins.*



October 22, 2019 at 09:17 AM

SN

“ *Steve and Nancy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jack Hawkins.*



Steve and Nancy - October 21, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Hawkins.*



October 21, 2019 at 04:41 PM

SD

“ *Shawnee Heights Fire District purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Hawkins.*



Shawnee Heights Fire District - October 21, 2019 at 11:58 AM

KS

“ *To Van and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. May Gods peace be with you all during this time of loss.*

Karen and Rick Stadler

karen Stadler - October 21, 2019 at 10:08 AM

JS

“ *Joe- all of us who volunteer with the Emergency Services Showcase send our sympathy for the loss of your father.*

Jodi Sturgeon - October 21, 2019 at 12:47 AM

KP

“ *Whlle we never knew Jack personally, we always enjoyed driving through Silver Lake and seeing all the seasonal decorations in the yard. Our deepest sympathies to those who knew and loved him.*

Kipp and Pam - October 20, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack Hawkins.*



October 20, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *Velma and family: Words cannot express how sorry we are to hear of the loss of this wonderful, caring, man who had such a great sense of humor. We will miss seeing him on his front porch and around the station and he will especially be missed as a coffee-drinking buddy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Nancy and Steve Peak*

Nancy and Steve Peak - October 20, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *My dad had a pretty good sense of humor and liked to play jokes on my mom especially to try and scare her and make her jump but one time he got me pretty good. He knew I was watching a scary movie in my basement bedroom when I was in high school and he rolled one of my moms bowling balls down the basement steps and it hit the wall at the bottom and scared me to death. He thought it was hilarious*

Jennifer White - October 20, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Gustafson - October 20, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LI

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Jack & Linda

Linda - October 20, 2019 at 09:39 PM

TK

“ To Velma and Family,
It was an honor knowing Jack. Thru all the years I knew him, he always made me feel welcome around him and we could chat up a storm sometimes. I always felt that you and Jack were still like in-laws to me. It grieves me greatly to see him go. I will miss him much and always cherish the memories that he gave me. 💔😊

Tom Kolde - October 20, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Hawkins.



October 20, 2019 at 08:13 PM

CK

“ *Velma and family, our deepest sympathy for the loss of a wonderful man. Jack will be missed by many, but leaves a legacy of kindness, generosity, and friendship to all who knew him. He will forever be in your heart. May God bless you and grant you peace during this sad time. Sincere sympathy. Connie & Gaylord Kelsey*



Connie Kelsey - October 20, 2019 at 07:27 PM

TD

“ *Jack you were known by so many in the SL community as a caring, loving, and giving individual! Thanks for all you have done! Velma is in great hands!!*

Traci Dultmeier - October 20, 2019 at 07:05 PM