



Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins

October 13, 1949 - September 23, 2021

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING FUNERAL SERVICES IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MR. CHARLES H. HAWKINS. ***MASKS WILL STILL BE REQUIRED AT THE CHURCH*

****ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: mtzionkalamazoo.org
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmyzionbaptistkalamazoo)
- Or
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THE OBITUARY

Charles Herman Hawkins was born October 13, 1949 to Herman and Ann (Tyler) Hawkins. Herman confessed Christ at the age of 16 at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church in Covert MI. He graduated from Covert High School in 1968 and Western Michigan University in 1972.

On June 26, 1971 he was united in marriage to Anna Yvonne Baber. This year was their 50th wedding anniversary. To this union are 3 children: Rahsaan, Tavaris and Michele.

Herman worked as a Branch Manager at First National Bank (PNC), a Purchasing Agent at Upjohn's (Pfizer) and was self-employed as a consultant with Kalamazoo Public Schools. His love for poetry and semantics prompted him to publish a book entitled "Let

Your Light Shine.”

Herman united with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1974. He became active as a basketball coach and youth teacher in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Chain Lake. He later became active with the Transportation and Trustee Ministries and served until his health no longer allowed. He was passionate about attending Bible Study, Fulfillment Hour and Church.

Herman was also a member of the Big Brothers Association for many years. He has left a legacy to countless youth he has mentored, that are considered part of the family to this day. Everyone knew and loved him. He was called by many names “CH”, Papa C, Pops, Dad and Unc. One of his favorite scriptures was Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Herman leaves to cherish his memories, his bride, Anna Yvonne; his 3 children Rahsaan Hawkins, Brooklyn NY; Tavaris (Veda) Hawkins, Lansing MI; Michele Hawkins, Kalamazoo MI; grandson, Minister Reginald Gilliam, Kalamazoo MI; granddaughters, Deja, Teya and Leea Hawkins; brother Sylvester (Linda) Hawkins, Dayton OH; sisters Linda Hawkins and Inez Ivory, Kalamazoo MI; sisters-in-law Glenda Hawkins, Kalamazoo MI, Doris (David) Aldridge, Magnolia DE, Jacqueline (Phillip) Laws, Detroit MI, Gwendolyn Stewart, Oak Park MI; brothers-in-law Clarence (Harriett) Baber, Kalamazoo MI, Arnold (Lillie Watson) Baber, Covert MI, Michael (Veronica) Baber, Belleville MI and a of host cousins, nieces and nephews. Herman was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert and Allen Hawkins.

Philippians 4:8 would be one of his teachable moments to us, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.”

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

A Service in Loving Memory

OCT 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
Kalamazoo, MI
<http://mtzionkalamazoo.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Harper Funeral Home - September 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Worked with Herman at Upjohn in the 80s he was a great guy. My heartfelt condolences to Yvonne and his entire family.

Merry Mitchell-Battles - October 12, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Merry Mitchell-Battles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Merry Mitchell-Battles - October 12, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ De Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



De Wilkerson - October 07, 2021 at 11:23 AM

EW

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Herman Hawkins.*



Eldora Williams - October 06, 2021 at 09:03 AM

QF

“ *Quatisa Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Quatisa Franklin - October 04, 2021 at 10:57 PM

TS

“ *My condolences. It was an honor to know and to serve within Bro. Hawkins. He was soft spoken but his words were full of wisdom. God bless - Theresa Swabash (Burks) and family*

Theresa Swabash - October 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM

LS

“ *Condolences to the great Hawkins family. Lionell & Altra Ford!*

Lionell Ford Sr. - October 02, 2021 at 11:26 PM

IR

“ To The Hawkins Family:

Sending condolences, prayers and hugs to you during the loss of your KING.

Hearing the news of the passing of my brother of over 45 years shattered my heart into a trillion pieces. However, I am so thankful that God blessed us with a earthly tangible kind, loving, brilliant Man who exemplified the meaning of a humble God-fearing SERVANT unselfish LEADER.

Rest In Peace our brother knowing you will be dearly missed. Can't wait to see you again with your new flurry of dictionaries ❤️.

Ida and Frank Robinson



Ida and Frank Robinson - October 02, 2021 at 11:11 PM

FF

“ Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Frank & Betty Ford - October 02, 2021 at 10:35 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Carrie Baker - October 02, 2021 at 09:58 AM

TF

“ The Snell Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



The Snell Family - October 02, 2021 at 08:55 AM

BH

“ *The Hannah family sends our sincere condolences to the Hawkins family. May the Lord continue to bless you and may you find comfort in your faith, family and friends.*

Buddy Hannah

Buddy Hannah - October 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM

BC

“ *Anna and family, please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of Herman. I was at your wedding all of those years ago and witnessed you and Herman exchange your vows. I watched you grow as friends, husband and wife, and as a family. May the Peace of Our Lord and Savior be with the Hawkins and Baber family today and Always. You have my Love and Prayers.*



Beverly J. Curry - October 01, 2021 at 01:23 PM

TS

Sister Hawkins and family, Please accept our condolences for the loss of such a wonderful person. We are all better people to have encountered and learned from Herman. His life and legacy is a part of us all!
Thomas and Sylvia Scott

Thomas and Sylvia Scott - October 03, 2021 at 09:57 PM

AM

“ *Ashley Moorehead -*

Mr. Hawkins was such a great educator and an inspiration. He loved us children in his class at Mt. Zion and went above and beyond to teach us vocabulary, life skills, and of course about God. He will truly be missed. I send my condolences and love to the family.



Ashley Moorehead - October 01, 2021 at 12:09 PM

JD

“ *John & Carolyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



John & Carolyn Davis - October 01, 2021 at 07:50 AM

FL

“ *Frieda Brown and Eloise, Gwen, Lorraine purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins.*



Frieda Brown and Eloise, Gwen, Lorraine - September 30, 2021 at 03:36 PM

ES

“ *ELOISE SHERROD lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



ELOISE SHERROD - September 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Johnson Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Michelle Johnson Moore - September 30, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins.*



September 30, 2021 at 02:21 PM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - September 30, 2021 at 01:52 PM

GC

“ Gloria Fields. Clopton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Gloria Fields. Clopton - September 30, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ I remember being over at the house playing basketball with Saan and TJ and admiring the dedication that Mr. Hawkins had to his family and the community. My condolences

Arykah Carter - September 29, 2021 at 06:04 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Claudia Barbee - September 29, 2021 at 05:47 PM

NH

“ Navea Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Navea Harris - September 29, 2021 at 05:29 PM

JL

“ Jennifer Lesterhouse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Jennifer Lesterhouse - September 29, 2021 at 05:25 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Karen Johnson-Foster - September 29, 2021 at 11:21 AM

CA

“ "Never let anyone determine your self worth" was the message he delivered at an event that I hosted, where he was the guest speaker. Those words have been with me ever since. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Candy Askew - September 29, 2021 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ Courtney Wrenn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Courtney Wrenn - September 29, 2021 at 12:09 AM

TW

“ Tina Echols Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Tina Echols Wade - September 28, 2021 at 10:40 PM

TW

“ Tina Echols Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Tina Echols Wade - September 28, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JC

“ *Jermaine Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Jermaine Clark - September 28, 2021 at 09:55 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



ArleneBuchanan - September 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM

GT

“ *Geneva Troutman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Geneva Troutman - September 28, 2021 at 07:36 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Earline Fields - September 28, 2021 at 06:39 PM

EF

“ *Sorry for loss Yvonne and family i will keep your family in my prayers*



Earline Fields - September 28, 2021 at 06:38 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Kevin Dunigan - September 28, 2021 at 04:34 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Kevin Dunigan - September 28, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins.



September 28, 2021 at 01:50 PM

LG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Herman's family. So sorry for your loss.



La Donna Golden - September 28, 2021 at 01:41 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins



Carolyn Walker - September 28, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CW

I was in a class Mr. Hawkins had, he was one of the nicest persons I have ever met. I pray that his memories comfort your hearts in those lonely days. All things work together for the good of them who loves Yah.

Carolyn Walker - September 28, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GH

“ *Gail Hawkins Moody & Carolye Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Gail Hawkins Moody & Carolye Hawkins - September 28, 2021 at 10:26 AM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Karen Johnson-Foster - September 28, 2021 at 08:38 AM

MP

“ *Mollie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Mollie Peterson - September 28, 2021 at 08:00 AM

TW

“ *Bro Hawkins you will truly be missed...Praying for you Mama Hawkins and your family during this time. Tamarra & Family*



Tamarra Walker - September 28, 2021 at 06:27 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Kevin Dunigan - September 28, 2021 at 03:14 AM

DJ

“ *Debra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Debra Johnson - September 28, 2021 at 01:31 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Pauline Gardner - September 27, 2021 at 10:35 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Frank & Betty Ford - September 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM

NH

“ *Nikia Walker Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Nikia Walker Hall - September 27, 2021 at 08:45 PM

CB

“ *Carrol T. Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Carrol T. Blair - September 27, 2021 at 12:39 PM

LF

“ *Condolences to the family. Praying for comfort and peace.*



Lori Bell and Family - September 27, 2021 at 11:26 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Jo Ann Embrey - September 27, 2021 at 09:22 AM

VH

“ *Vera Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Herman Hawkins*



Vera Harris - September 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM

PD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*
Pat Davis



Pat Davis - September 27, 2021 at 07:47 AM

HB

“ *My dear friend Yvonne and Family.
You have my deepest condolences.
Herman was kind, nice and quiet.
He was very thoughtful. I was one of
the widows he took to a play.
Thanks be to God for allowing me to know Charles Herman
Hawkins.*



Helen Brooks - September 26, 2021 at 07:51 PM

TW

Dear Yvonne and Family, You are in my prayers. 💕💕

Tina Echols Wade - September 28, 2021 at 10:43 PM

LB

Praying for you Yvonne. Herman was a great role model for me as a husband. I witnessed the way he made you feel special, personally delivering you flowers to your job. He made all the women jealous, but he didn't care. He took time to lift you up and celebrate your love. I modeled that behavior for my wife and now we are celebrating 33 years. Praying for you in the days to come.

Lenzy Bell - October 01, 2021 at 10:52 PM