



Robert T. "Bob" Hawkins

April 11, 1942 - September 2, 2018

Retired Army Colonel and former Director of the Indiana Veterans Home, Robert T.(Bob) Hawkins, born on April 11, 1942 in Indianapolis, IN passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. A. Floyd Hawkins and brother of the late A. Floyd Hawkins, Jr.

He is survived by his wife Fran; daughter Robin and son-in-law Mike Pineda and granddaughters Liliann and Parker; brother-in-law Dick Bennett and Anita; sister-in-law, Esther Benton and several nieces and nephews.

He was an active member of his community, volunteering in numerous organizations to promote the needs of veterans and others. He received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the city of Myrtle Beach as well as the Strom Thurmond Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Legion. During his twenty eight years of service in the Army, he received numerous accommodations including: The Bronze Star for service in Vietnam, The Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), and Order of Military Medical Merit.

He touched the lives of many individuals and will be missed. We love you Papa!

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1:00-1:45 pm prior to the service. Burial will be held at a later date in Arlington

National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The American Red Cross, 104 Screven Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or MOAA Grand Strand Chapter, PO Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587-5842.

Sign an on line guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Bob Hawkins passing. I first met Bob in 1968 when he completed his tour of duty at the Army's 36th Evacuation Hospital in Vietnam and turned over to me command of the company. My wife (Jackie) and I were fortunate enough to see him again and meet his wonderful wife (Fran) in Heidelberg, Germany several years later. Although our Army career paths went in different directions, we did stay in periodic contact. I shall always remember Bob as a totally dedicated, caring, compassionate, and devoted officer and friend, who was always willing to help anyone he possibly could. My sincerest condolences go to Fran and the entire Hawkins family. May you rest in peace, Bob, knowing how many of us you have positively touched throughout the years.

Robert (Bob) Hinkel, COL (Ret), U.S. Army

Robert (Bob) Hinkel - May 07, 2020 at 02:18 PM

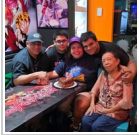
C.

“ I believe this poem was written by Robert Hawkins when he was a 1Lt with the 30th Evacuation Hospital in Vietnam. It was written on May 10, 1968. RIP sir! Regards C.G.

HOME

*Oh, give me a home
Where Charley doesn't roam?
Where war and hatred
Are far far away;
Where seldom is heard
A belligerent word,
And the skies need not
Be policed all day.
Where there is my wife
To have and to hold;
To share the many stories
Of soldiers brave and bold;
To share our fervent love
Always—all ways—untold;
Home from across the sea
To soon begin our family.
Where we have a house and
bath Instead of a hootch and path;
With our double bed for me
and thee, Instead of army cot—with only
me;
Where we wear ties and suits,
Not fatigues and combat boots,
And underwear white and clean
Instead of T-shirts olive green.
Oh. give me a homo
Where we are free to roam;
Where a Colt forty-five
Is not needed to be alive;
Where water is potable and
cold,*

*With tantalizing food to behold;
And our old family car
Carries us near and far.
Where MFCs and p i a s t e r s
strange
Are replaced by greenbacks and
change;
Where showers run hot and
steady
And my closet is waiting and
ready;
While the war is still mystery
My DEROS will be history;
I can be safe and glad
That good follows bad.
Oh, a home give me
In a country safe and free;
Given? This cannot be;
There is war and hatred
And a relentless foe;
If in foreign lands we do not
fight,
They could be 'home' with us
By tomorrow night!
It is best that I be here
Rather than they there;
It is that I must
Fight for the 'home'
And country I trust;
Accept discomforts — big or
small;
To protect our great heritage
Our home — for us all.*



“ Our condolences to Mrs. Hawkins, Robin, Emigdio, Liliann and Laurelann, from Andy, Rasy, Andrecito and Ian Tejada.



Andy and I met Mr. Hawkins over 10 years ago and he was very kind, supportive with his grandchildren and daughter. I am sure he will be strongly missed. May God give all strength in this difficult moment.

Rasida Pineda - September 10, 2018 at 04:16 PM

HD

“ Dear Fran and Family,

Barbara and I came to know Bob through the local MOAA chapter where we experienced his tireless dedication to the cause of helping other veterans.

He was a great officer and friend who will be missed by all.

With a final salute,

Col. (ret) Hans Duerr, USA

Hans Duerr - September 08, 2018 at 07:11 PM

LP

“ *Our condolences to Mrs. Hawkins, Robin, Emigdio, Liliann and Laurelann.*

Very sorry for the loss of a good friend.

*Mrs. Lilia de Pineda and family
Panama*



Lilia de Pineda - September 08, 2018 at 11:33 AM

NR

“ *My memories of Bob were when we were growing up west of Waugh, Indiana. Bob, Jim Pierce, Bill Padgett, Bruce Bowman, Larry Hedge, and I would play softball and basketball at each others homes. Bob and I also were members of the Methodist Church in Waugh and would attend youth fellowship activities together. Bob was a longtime classmate and true friend.*

Nobe Robertson

Noble Robertson - September 07, 2018 at 10:29 AM

BD

“ Col. Robert Hawkins (USA Ret.) was a dedicated American Patriot. I first met him while I was the A/Legion Post 178 Murrells Inlet, SC. Commander. After that meeting I enjoyed working with Col. Bob on the (Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days Committee), & other Veteran support programs. Col Hawkins was the type leader who maintained a serious attitude about all he did, but was very gracious, & helpful to everyone he met, & served with on any important project. I was there the day he received an award for Myrtle Beach Volunteer of the year, & when he accepted the award I was thinking to myself just how much he deserved to be selected. I'll personally miss Col. Bob a lot, & there's no doubt there our area has lost one of it's most dedicated Veterans Advocates. God Bless you friend R.I.P. Amen.
Brent "Davy" Davidson (USAF Ret.)



Brent Davidson - September 06, 2018 at 06:26 PM

SH

“ Bob was a fine man and a dedicated Army officer. I knew him for many years and often talked with him about various issues. He often talked about his family and family activities. He was a hard working man and he was rewarded for his hard work and devotion to the Army. May he rest in peace. May God bless Bob's family.

Mike Hinton
COL. USA Ret. MSC

s m hinton - September 06, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DE

“ I first met Robert when we were in the 7th grade in Sheridan Indiana. He, myself, Dave Sanders, Bob Viehe, Meredith McKinney and Bruce Bowman formed a gang of good guys through High School. Too many good times to list, but Bob was always at the center of them.

Don Emry and Joanne Emry, Nashville Tennessee.



Donald Emry - September 06, 2018 at 09:09 AM

DS

“ My best memories of Robert were from high school. A trip to Niagara Falls and the Ford Museum at Greenfield Village with two other good friends. Riding around town in his 59 Chevy convertible was a favorite pastime. This included a drag race or two with Don Cooper's 57 Chevy. Once, while checking top speed on Rd 421, although he had been warned that the new 4.82/1 rear end could not be run very long at high speed, the gears got so hot that a hole was melted in the rear end casing. He loved his 59 Chevy. More recently, he, Bob Viehe and I took a few days to visit another good high school friend, Don Emry, at his home in Puerto Vallarta. What fun. Adios good friend.

Dave Sanders

Dave Sanders - September 06, 2018 at 08:28 AM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - September 05, 2018 at 11:08 AM

WA

“ You were our Deputy Commander at Hawley Hospital at Ft Benjamin Harrison Indiana. You were a soft spoken gentleman and were always kind to me. You had expectations, the budget was always limited and you always supported Resource Management to higher headquarters to the best of your ability. I respected you and considered you a friend! Rest In Peace friend! My condolences to Fran and the family.



Andrea White
Fortville indiana

White Andrea - September 05, 2018 at 09:50 AM

RC

“ When I was called to be the Chaplain and Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana Veterans' Home, Colonel Hawkins was preparing his departure. Yet, even then, I could tell that it was of the utmost importance to him that the right people come to the Home. People who shared his passion for "serving those who served".

I now serve as Chaplain and Director of Volunteer Services, a Department that he and Carolyn Johnson created. Over the years, Col. Hawkins would check in on us. He navigated our big ship through some troubled waters, and the Indiana Veterans' Home is part of his legacy.

His work is done. He fought the good fight. Now, may he now rest in peace.

Rev. David Hess, Ind. Vet. Home Chaplain - September 05, 2018 at 06:52 AM

CF

“ Charlotte, Emily, Christina and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert T. "Bob" Hawkins.



Charlotte, Emily, Christina and family - September 04, 2018 at 08:29 PM

NV

“ My late husband Bob, and Robert were childhood friends, going to Center and Marion Twp. schools together and graduating from Sheridan High School in 1961. After Robert graduated from Indiana University he visited us when he was on leave. When he and Fran were living in Lafayette, IN while he was Supt. of Indiana Veterans Home we enjoyed many Purdue football games as well as I U games. He and Fran always made the most of visiting interesting places when stationed overseas. Robert was always interested in what was going on "back home". He was a true friend. My condolences to Fran, Robin and the grand girls.
Nancy Zell Viehe

Nancy Viehe - September 04, 2018 at 02:36 PM

SS

“ We celebrate your life, Bob. You were a good man and a faithful friend. I miss you.
Steve and Annette Stafford

Steve Stafford - September 04, 2018 at 02:07 PM

JE

“ Bob was a longtime friend of my mother, Betty Emry, of Sheridan, Indiana. She always enjoyed his visits and shared the details and kindness of his visits with her family. Thanks to Bob Hawkins. John Emry, brother of Don Emry, his friend and classmate..

John Emry - September 04, 2018 at 12:25 PM