



Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr.

July 7, 1953 - December 14, 2025

In Loving Memory of Heyward Allen “Buddy” Hawkins, Jr.

Heyward Allen “Buddy” Hawkins, Jr., passed away peacefully at his home in Marietta, Georgia, on

December 14, 2025. He was born on July 7, 1953, in Athens, Georgia, and lived a life defined by devotion

to family, loyalty to friends, pride in his work, and a deep love of music, sports, and service to others.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Carolyn Smith Hawkins and Heyward Allen Hawkins, and by

his sisters, Carolyn Patrice Hawkins and Vivian Loren Sexauer, all of whom he loved dearly and carried

with him throughout his life.

A graduate of Lakeside High School in 1971, Buddy went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology,

earning a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Management in 1975. During his college years, he demonstrated

his calm strength and compassion by serving as a paramedic with Metro Ambulance Service—helping

others while working toward his future.

After graduation, Buddy joined his father at Hawkins & Associates, originally a manufacturers’

representative firm for wholesale plumbing supplies. Through Buddy’s

leadership, vision, and tireless work ethic, the company evolved into the highly technical world of chemical metering pumps and water treatment systems. By expanding representation to include controllers, tanks, pumps, and accessories, Buddy led Hawkins & Associates into a period of extraordinary long-term growth and success. In 2016, he sold the company he had helped build, remaining on as a consultant during its first year under new ownership—ever steady, ever supportive, and proud of the legacy he created. Buddy shared 39 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Nan Perry Hawkins. He is survived by his only son, Heyward Allen Hawkins III; his daughter-in-law, Meghann Jade Ferguson Hawkins; and his treasured grandchildren, Aeribelle Allyn Hawkins and Rylan Cole Dale, who were a constant source of joy and pride in his life.

Brotherhood and faith were important to Buddy. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Georgia Tech and maintained close bonds with his fraternity brothers until the very end. Raised in the Baptist church, Buddy later became a confirmed Episcopalian. When his son participated in the Boy Scouts of America, Buddy gave his time generously as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 797, guiding young people with patience, encouragement, and integrity.

Buddy's passions were as vibrant as his personality. He was an avid collector of 45-inch vinyl records, especially 1960s and 1970s soul, rhythm and blues, and Carolina beach music. A gifted DJ, he brought people together through music at Atlanta favorites like The Beer Mug and

Charlie Magruder's, as well as countless private gatherings. He also enjoyed officiating baseball and football games and was a devoted fan of the Atlanta Braves and Georgia Tech football—faithfully following his teams and never missing a game.

Buddy will be remembered for his warmth, his sharp sense of humor, his steady leadership, and the way he made people feel welcomed and valued. His life was one of purpose, passion, and love, and his influence will continue to be felt by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Georgia Institute of Technology in memory of Buddy—a tribute to a man whose education, loyalty, and lifelong pride in Georgia Tech shaped so much of who he was.

Cemetery Details

Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
info@wimberlyjackson.com
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Janice Mills lit a candle in memory of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr.*



janice mills - January 06 at 05:56 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr.*



Mary Moore - January 05 at 01:44 PM

HS

“ *Hawkins & Assoc, Scott & Jackie & staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr..*



Hawkins & Assoc, Scott & Jackie & staff - January 05 at 01:42 PM

HS

“ *Hawkins & Assoc, Scott & Jackie & staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heyward Allen Hawkins jr.*

Hawkins & Assoc, Scott & Jackie & staff - January 05 at 01:42 PM

KM

“ Buddy was a hero of mine for his generous support of my fundraising on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He would reach back out to ask if I needed more funds to complete my campaign. Who does that? Buddy did. He was a great person and I am proud to have been considered his friend. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends. I live in Brunswick now and am not sure I will be able to attend his service which makes me very sad. I will have a private remembrance on St Simon's Island. Rest in Peace friend. ❤️

Kathleen Magbee - January 03 at 11:33 AM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr.



Deborah Collins - January 02 at 08:47 PM

DC

R.I.P. 🕯️ 🌸

Deborah Collins - January 02 at 08:47 PM

WC

“Buddy, his dear wife Nan, and their son Allen, had been our neighbors for over 30 years.
It was a true gift and blessing and the best of times having them in our lives.
Buddy Hawkins was a good man - considerate as a neighbor, compassionate as a friend and always a southern gentleman in his style and manner. He was a man of quick wit and brought humor and an interesting perspective to our many conversations.
He was ready and reliable when his friends were in need. His generosity in giving - including his time and talents will always be remembered.
We miss Buddy - his close proximity for a quick visit, his impersonating voices on phone calls, his contagious laughter ... but moreover his enduring friendship through the many stages of life and his deep and abiding love of his family.
Requiem en pace our beloved friend.
William & Lois

William & Lois Carkhuff - January 01 at 02:01 PM

CS

“Buddy and I went to school together from 6th grade through sophomore year at Georgia Tech. He was always a warm friend, to be trusted and enjoyed. We reconnected after a Lakeside reunion, where he was part of the group who coordinated the great time we had there. He made me feel like no time had passed, and we stayed in touch through Messenger afterward. I will miss him! My prayers are for you and your family, that the sweet memories of daily life will sustain you and give you peace. I wish I could be there to hear all the stories that will be shared at his Celebration Service!
Cyndi Huffman Sandahl, Seattle

Cynthia Sandahl - December 31, 2025 at 06:37 PM

SC

“ Buddy was my cousin (2nd, 3rd? His mother and my mother were 1st cousins). My favorite memory of Buddy was when he was a paramedic in college and he took my great aunt Minnie to a Braves' game in an ambulance because she was mostly bedridden and was a huge Braves fan. He was such a kind-hearted person, always upbeat and smiling! Our lives went in different directions, literally, as I moved to Vermont many years ago, but we recently reconnected on FaceBook. I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find solace in all these fond tributes. Susan Umer Clark

Susan U Clark - December 30, 2025 at 05:34 PM

DD

“ Allen & family ... I will always cherish the business relationship & friendship that your father and I enjoyed. He was a kind, thoughtful and knowledgeable individual who was always there for his family and friends. I most enjoyed being with him during business trips to common suppliers. I will cherish these memories forever. RIP my friend!

Donn Davis - December 30, 2025 at 02:38 PM

FK

“ Buddy was the excellent drummer in our mediocre (because of me) garage band Shades of Soul. He played Fire like the recording. Every practice and gig he showed me to be happy to have moved to keyboards. He was always a positive force.

fred Koplín - December 30, 2025 at 02:33 PM

JR

“ Remembering fondly when Jim and Buddy were the “Young bucks “in the chemical and water treatment business as mastered distributors. There were a lot of challenges over the years that the two of them helped each other process through. We always enjoyed Buddy’s company throughout time; his humor, passion, dedication, and loyal friendship. His southern charm certainly was a hallmark of any interaction with him. As well, I cannot see a Georgia bulldog without thinking of Buddy :) He will be remembered fondly. Jim will most certainly be part of the guardian angel welcoming tribe for Buddy. Sending wishes for comfort and peace in your hearts in the days ahead.



*With deepest sympathy,
Janet Riley
Anna Maria, Florida*

Janet Green Riley - December 30, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr..*



December 30, 2025 at 11:17 AM

CC

“ Allen and family:

We are so sorry for your loss. We know your dad will be greatly missed. Buddy was always so helpful to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janet, Brad, Christine, Tyra & James - Fluid Systems & Controls, Inc.

Cheryl & Peter - R.G. Systems

Christine Conte - December 30, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CJ

“ Allen and family:

Your dad meant a lot to me...helped with some beach music research and an interview for a possible book on the southern college music scene. He told me several stories....here's a quote I treasure: "Our short-term memories may go away, but we will still be able to name the title & artist of every Beach/R&B song."

Chris Jones - December 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM

GB

“ Allen and family:

I had the distinct honor and pleasure of meeting and knowing your Dad, brother, and other. Your obituary was very much a grand reflection of his accomplishments and being. I will be forever grateful for the many times spent with him in laughter and love.

Gwen Westbrook Barber

Athens, GA

Gwen Westbrook Barber - December 30, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TL

“ *I will always remember Buddy for his courage and impressive leadership. He would go above and beyond whenever there was a crisis.*

Thomas Lash - December 29, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris lit a candle in memory of Heyward Allen Hawkins Jr.*



Regina Harris - December 27, 2025 at 03:22 PM