



## Mr. Vanny "Bud" Hawkins

December 13, 1928 - October 18, 2017

Vanny L. "Bud" Hawkins, 88, of Plant City, Florida, born on December 13, 1928 in Springhead, entered into eternal rest on October 18, 2017. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the Korean War and awarded the Purple Heart, and was a retired exterminator with Cross Pest Control. He was a longtime member of Springhead Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and handyman, and a member of Springhead Civic Club. He loved his country, church, and family, and he enjoyed fishing, gardening, camping, riding his motorcycle, playing his harmonica, and grilling hamburgers on Saturday nights. His love of country was passed along to his family with a son and 3 grandsons serving in the military as well. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alyce T. Hawkins; sons, Larry J. Hawkins (Brenda) of Plant City, and Paul S. Hawkins (Paula) of Lakeland; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and many other friends and family. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael L. Hawkins. A Celebration of Life with military honors will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 4:00 P.M. at Springhead Baptist Church, 3106 S. Wiggins Road, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Springhead Baptist Church. Expressions of condolence at [www.Hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.Hopewellfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Springhead Baptist Church  
3106 S. Wiggins Road  
Plant City, FL  
sbaptistchurch@tampabay.rr.com  
<http://springheadbc.com/cms/>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Vanny "Bud" Hawkins



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - October 23, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Vanny "Bud" Hawkins.



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October 20, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ Clyde and Shirley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Vanny "Bud" Hawkins.



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**Clyde and Shirley** - October 20, 2017 at 08:22 AM

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“ *Alyce, I am so sorry. I vividly remember Bud coming to Walden Lake schoolyard to help our students make and fly their own kites. He was always willing to help us. My love and prayers for comfort and strength from God who provides for our every need. Faye Cook*

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**Faye Cook** - October 20, 2017 at 06:40 AM

CC

“ *Uncle Bud will be missed by so many. He was a loving and kind man. I always loved to hear him laugh and crack a joke. Rest in peace, until we meet again. You will forever be in our hearts. Maurice & Cindy Hawkins Colkmire*

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**Cindy Colkmire** - October 19, 2017 at 02:52 PM

KF

*I was just made aware of Mr Hawkins home going & once again saddened to hear of another passing of this wonderful WW2 generation.*

*Mr Hawkins was so kind and always cheerful!*

*He was a member of the Shut-in Shuttle at Springhead and was faithful with visiting our mom (Hilda Wise) while a part of the shuttle.*

*So thankful for knowing him & knowing he will be reunited with his loved ones one day in Heaven!*

*Kathy Wise Flentge*

*Cedarville, Ohio*

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**Kathy Wise Flentge** - October 20, 2017 at 10:49 PM

  
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Mitch

*Uncle Bud, you were an inspiration to me! I loved having a Christian gentleman to look up to as a great Uncle.*

*And thanks for teaching us that "Life is too short. Eat dessert first."*

*I know that Grandpa, and Grandma, JG and Elizabeth Hawkins, were thrilled to see you come home!*

*Love, Melinda Mitchell*

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**Purplelinda Mitch** - October 21, 2017 at 12:21 AM