



# James Daniel Hawkins

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**J**ames Daniel Hawkins also known as TB left this earth at the age of 74 on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 1:05 a.m. in St. Mary's Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born in Brownsville, TN on March 17, 1933 to Nathaniel and Blanchie Hawkins. He and his wife of 52 years, Jerdine Taylor-Hawkins, were married on June 25, 1955. He was a retired employee of Wagner Castings and worked part-time as a custodian at the Decatur YMCA.

To the union of James and Jerdine six children will continue his legacy – three sons James E., Tyrise Victoria, and Ryan; three daughters – Evyonne, Cynthia Ann, and Valerie; 21 grandchildren - James L., Tyrone, Tamia Kenneth, ZaCarlin, Shontez, Tamika, Dioandre, Chalan Roland, Tyrise D.Coretta, Ninfa, Tyrisha, Tailee, LeMichael, Terrance, TJ, Tahara, Chame, Janaiya, Ryan D., Raeana, and Zahria; 13 great-grandchildren – Janiya, Shakeisha, Tyrone Jr., Kena, JonTavius, Kennedy, Decorion, Destyni, AJ, Malik, Roland Jr., Tashauri, and Tarian.

He also leaves to cherish his memory: his mother Blanchie Ripley TN; brothers Curtis and Gene Kay Chicago IL, Johnny Calumet City IL, Steven Annette Brownsville TN; sisters Dorothy Faye Bond and Racine Jerry Russell Ripley TN; brother-in-law James Taylor Decatur IL; sister-in-laws Vernice Hawkins Rockford CT, Robin Hawkins Chicago IL, Eartha Hess Plainfield IL, and Jonnie Taylor Decatur IL; daughter-in-laws Rena Jones Decatur IL, Dawn Hawkins Greenwood IN, Ernestine Hawkins Peoria IL, Versie Austell GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ben & Hester Henning and Robert & Annie Hawkins, father Nathaniel, brothers Robert and Carthell, his grandchildren Cordero and Afeni, sister-in-law Vera Hawkins & brother-in-law Leonard Hess. Special thanks to family members who sat with us during the final days; friends and family who came to visit; Doctors Fritz, Verma, and Velasco; and a special thank you



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to St. Mary's Hospital ICU and fourth floor nurses who took such good care of him and the family members sitting with him day and night; and to everyone who offered a kind word, prayer, sent a card or email wishing him well, and who provided food/drinks for the family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur IL. Visitation will be held 10-11:00 followed by a memorial service from 11:00 – noon. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park. The obituary has been written by the family of James Daniel Hawkins. Professional services provided by Moran and Goebel Funeral Home



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VH

**Verkeitha Herron** posted:

Even though I may not be in attendance, please know that you are all in our prayers. Aunt Ann, I love you and please know that with the passing of the storm it will get easier. I can say I know what you are all going through because I have been there. Mrs Hawkins, I only met the two of you once, but I knew in that short time, you were both wonderful people. God only takes the best and remember He will never put on you any more than you can bear. So give it to God and He will give you the strength to continue the fight while Mr Hawkins continues to watch over you from Heaven above...your extended family member Even though it is sometimes easier said than done, LET GO AND LET GOD!!! Verkeitha Herron Rice Decatur, IL, IL US

November 9 at 7:00 PM

VH

**Valerie Hawkins** November 10 at 5:43 AM

Thank you that was so heart warming it meant a lot..truely thank you for your kind words

JF

**John Fischer** posted:

Sorry for your loss, we will miss James at the YMCA. , IL US

November 9 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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