



## Shirley Leon Hawkins

December 5, 1937 - April 27, 2023

Shirley Leon Hawkins, 85, of Tavares, Florida passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday April 27, 2023. He was born in Sorrento, Illinois to Leon and Eva Hawkins and moved to Florida from Illinois in 1958. He was the owner and operator of a custom grain harvesting business, traveling across the Midwest plains until 1986. At that point he began his career as a deliveryman for Ready Ice of Tavares working there 15 years before retiring. He was a member and Deacon of First Baptist Church of Tavares for over 50 years. He was a member of the Bahia Shrine for over 50 years and was a volunteer for the Lake County Mission. He loved family parties, playing card games, such as Rook and Hand in Foot and driving his golf cart around the Tavares waterfront. He also loved fishing, watching old western movies and attending his great-grandchildren's baptisms. Mr. Hawkins is survived by his loving wife of 42 years: Sara of Tavares, Florida; daughter Sharon (Jack) Rogers of Leesburg, Florida; a son Mark (Landon) Hawkins of Umatilla, Florida; Sara's three sons: David (Debbie) Crowe of Ft. Pierce, Florida, Dennis (Cindy) Crowe of St. Cloud, Florida, and Curtis Crowe of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Mr. Hawkins was pre-deceased by his daughter: Linda Will) Hodges of Grand Island, Florida. Funeral services for Mr. Hawkins will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla with Pastor Brooks Braswell officiating.

A visitation for family and friends will be from 9:30 am until the funeral hour.  
Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory entrusted with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
550 Hatfield Dr  
Umatilla, FL 32784

## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Umatilla  
550 Hatfield Drive  
Umatilla, FL 32784

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Leon Hawkins*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - May 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM

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“ *He wanted for one of his great,grandsons to be a pastor one day,and I will be willing to become a pastor in memory of him.*

**Easton** - September 27, 2023 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Shirley was in our Greenville IL High School Class of 1956. I enjoyed knowing him. It was always good to see him again when he was able to come to our Class Reunions. Rest in peace, Shirley*

**Marylin Buchmiller McDevitt** - April 29, 2023 at 08:48 PM

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*I did not know Shirley, but I do know his beautiful granddaughter, Chris. Will be sending love and prayers to the family, knowing that this is a very hard time for everyone peace and love to all of you. It sounds as though he was a very special man and I'm sure he was. God's blessings to all of you. 🙏 Joy Casale*

**joy casale** - April 30, 2023 at 01:08 PM

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“ *Shirley and his family have always held a special place in my heart. We shared a lot of happy times when our children were young, and he was custom harvesting. I am lifting the family in prayer to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for comfort and peace at this time ,and rejoicing that he is now with our Saviour.*

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**Charles Ray** - April 28, 2023 at 08:14 PM