



Rusty Hawkes

September 21, 1949 - October 12, 2025

Jackson, SC – Rusty Hawkes, 76, entered into rest on October 12, 2025. Family conducted memorial services will be conducted Saturday, October 18th, at 12 noon at Heights Baptist Church. Pastor Mark Canipe officiating. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service from 11 until 12 noon. Interment will be private.

Rusty was born on September 21, 1949, in San Antonio, TX to the late Russell E. Hawkes and Alma Ottie Preiss Hawkes. Raised in San Antonio, he graduated from Luther Burbank High School. Rusty proudly served his country in the Army from 1967 to 1971. He relocated to Jackson, SC, making it his home for the past 41 years. Rusty was a dedicated HVAC technician for 20 years with Creamer Heating & Air.

Rusty was a devoted member and deacon at the Heights Baptist Church and was a member of the Hopewell 127 Masonic Lodge, where he was a past Master. He was an avid baseball fan and a season ticket holder for the Augusta Green Jackets and a loyal Atlanta Braves fan. Rusty loved to travel with his son to many minor league baseball games leaving his son to cherish those memories forever.

Rusty is survived by his loving family; son, T.J. Hawkes (Ashlea), daughter, Allison Cleveland (Cooper), grandchildren; T.J. Hawkes, Jr., Luke Hawkes, Bently Gillis, Cody Cleveland and Cheyenne Cleveland.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Heights Church
4631 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Beech Island, SC 29842

Memorial Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



JH

“ I am thankful for Rusty’s service to our nation in the United States Army. It is patriots like Rusty that selflessly served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. But, more importantly, I’m thankful for his service to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Rusty was always busy serving others! He was a faithful member of Heights Church. He was my friend and man did he love his Texas Longhorns (Hook 'em Horns!) and his Augusta GreenJackets! I offer my heartfelt condolences to TJ, Allison, and his extended family. He is now running the streets of Glory! May he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - October 25, 2025 at 10:04 AM



CC

“ Rusty was always there when I needed help with my Hvac stuff over the years. Great man. prayers to your family in time of loss.

Chris D. Connell - October 21, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ My memory of Uncle Rusty was first meeting both him and TJ at a gas station in Georgia when they were on a road trip to Texas and I was visiting my sister in Georgia. Shaking his hand and hugging him was like we knew each other for a long time. Me and Hawkes deployed together in Afghanistan and became best friends. But the talks with him being in the trades and I also eventually went the trades to become a union carpenter, the knowledge he gave me was always awesome. Also, the talks with Him and TJ on trips they went on together. I was kinda jealous being raised without a father. But seeing TJ grow older and more mature to eventually having a child himself, I can see that uncle Rusty did his job. TJ, I know your dad is proud of you. I will always have your six Uso! alofa tele i aiga

Buddy Irish - October 17, 2025 at 04:09 AM

TC

“ The Correctional Systems Crew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rusty Hawkes.



The Correctional Systems Crew - October 16, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TC

“ The Correctional Systems Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Hawkes.

The Correctional Systems Crew - October 16, 2025 at 06:38 PM

RR

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. I enjoyed bowling against Rusty.

Robbie Robinson - October 16, 2025 at 06:19 PM

IF

“ Irish Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rusty Hawkes.



Irish Family - October 16, 2025 at 05:42 AM

IF

“ Irish Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Hawkes.

Irish Family - October 16, 2025 at 05:42 AM

MP

“ Marie POSTON lit a candle in memory of Rusty Hawkes



Marie POSTON - October 15, 2025 at 09:05 AM

PO

“ TJ, I will surely miss your dad! I had just wished him a happy birthday and since we are the same age I was totally blown away to learn of his death. He was too young. I remember him as a great bowler, but most of all I remember his smiles Sunday mornings. Rusty, thank you for the memories.

Pat Osteen - October 14, 2025 at 05:17 PM

SG

“ Rusty will surely be missed! I cherish the time I was able to be a part of Rusty's life and hope that I impacted him as positively as he did I. Love you Rusty!

Shana Goodell - October 14, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ Rusty, you & I go way back to Graebner Elementary in the 1st grade 1955 in San Antonio. A lot of fabulous memories my friend. Rest your soul dear friend and we'll meet again some. Hook'em Horns !
John Meredith / San Antonio, Tx

John Meredith - October 14, 2025 at 07:18 AM

DH

“ I'll always have fond memories of Rusty at Church events, bowling, and grilling for church functions!! He was always easy to fellowship with and a great Brother in Christ

Don Hall - October 14, 2025 at 06:48 AM

GS

“ WOW! What a surprise! Rusty was a great friend and breakfast buddy; he will be missed by all of us. The Lord has got another great Christian! God Bless you all TJ and family during this time if grief!

Gregory Steed - October 14, 2025 at 05:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rusty Hawkes.



October 14, 2025 at 02:08 AM

DD

“ David Dunkle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rusty Hawkes.

David Dunkle - October 14, 2025 at 02:08 AM

AO

“ Sigh...I guess there will be no more of Rusty's butt dials to me. Rest in peace, Rusty. God bless your soul.

Anna Ortiz - October 13, 2025 at 11:59 PM

BC

“ If I ever told you I knew a guy, Rusty was probably that guy. Going to miss the stories and his one liners, and the direction on DIY projects I had no business taking on. The late night ihop trips back in the day when TJ and I worked night shift, and the burnt ends at the cookout. I'm glad my buddy had one hell of an ol man. Thanks Rusty. Keep the coals goin for when I get there.

BC - October 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM