



Eldon E. Hawkins

March 30, 1928 - August 13, 2024

Eldon E. Hawkins passed away on August 13, 2024 peacefully in Wenatchee, Washington at the age of 96.

Dad was born to Arthur Hawkins and Emma Marie Hawkins in Twin Falls, Idaho on March 30, 1928. He was a child and young adult of the Depression era. The Hawkins family farm was located between Filer and Buhl Idaho.

Dad married Geraldine McDonald in the Bride's home on June 25, 1950. They were married 71 years before Mom's passing in 2021. To their union was born son Bruce, son Art, and daughter Julie.

Dad held many occupations during his time on this planet. Shortly after he married he worked in the woods in Astoria, Oregon. A job at ALCOA brought him to the Wenatchee Valley. Lured by his interest in mechanics, he accepted a job at Waterville Auto Co in 1958. He continued there until his first retirement joining 3 others in owning the garage.

After a short period, he was offered a job at Jones & Jones Funeral Home which we now know as Jones & Jones-Betts. His tenure lasted long into his 80's providing services to families at a time of their greatest need. He considered it a calling.

In his time in Waterville, he was very active in the community. He served 4 terms on the Waterville School Board, was a dedicated Lion's Club member, County District Fire Chief, Ambulance Chief, Assistant Scout Master, and many others. He expected no less from his children.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Bob King; and brother-in-law, Chuck Simmons. He is survived by his son, Bruce, and wife, Roxie Hawkins; son, Art, and wife, Linda Hawkins; and his daughter, Julie and husband, Clive Rooney. He is also survived by his brother, Jerry and his wife, Jerline Hawkins; and sister, Judy Simmons. Further, he is proud of his four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also grateful to his many neighbors and friends in Waterville.

Friends and family may visit Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 21st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A service will be held on Thursday, August 22nd at 11:00 AM at Jones & Jones – Betts. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee.

The Hawkins family would like to acknowledge Prestige Colonial Vista for their excellent care and Sheila Eggers for her countless acts of service and kindness.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
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Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eldon E. Hawkins



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - August 22, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BM

“ We thought highly of Eldon. He was a very capable and organized funeral director, as well as a compassionate, understanding person. We miss him. Brad and Darnell Moser



Brad & Darnell Moser - September 01, 2024 at 09:46 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Mr. Hawkins when he worked at Jones and Jones. He was always very kind and soft spoken. He knew some of my relatives from Waterville and they always had good things to say about him. My thoughts are with his family. Judi Hanan

Judi Hanan - August 29, 2024 at 04:04 PM

LH

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Eldon for many years because I worked for *The Wenatchee World* and he brought in the obituaries to be printed in the paper. He was so kind and conscientious. He always wanted to do his best for everyone. His smile and pleasant nature made my day! We continued our friendship through the years. He always stopped to chat and catch up. What a great man. Full of compassion and goodness. It is my blessing to have known this humble servant. Sending his family God's blessings, comfort and peace. *Laurel Helton*

LAUREL A HELTON - August 23, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JV

“ I started at Jones & Jones-Betts in 2012, and got to know and respect Eldon. I took several long road trips with him, and enjoyed his company immensely. He had 'a nice way about him,' soft spoken, friendly, and he would get to know you, as he did me. I considered him a friend, and visited him when I went through Waterville. It was my honor to have known him, a wonderful person.

JOHN VANDERSCHALIE - August 22, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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“ Eldon impressed me as a teenager in the '50s as a truly caring person as he brought Polio victims from the Deaconess to the YMCA super heated pool for exercise. (Thanks to Jones & Jones also.). His is a life to celebrate!

Helen Pyle Njus - August 20, 2024 at 12:42 PM