



## Henry Felix Hawkins

May 11, 1957 - September 2, 2020

Henry Felix Hawkins, 63, of Winchester, died Wednesday, September 2, 2020 in Winchester Medical Center. He was surrounded by his family. Henry was born May 11, 1957 in Bristol, VA, the son of Henry Ford and Dorothy Salyer Hawkins. Henry was a security supervisor with Shenandoah University for the past sixteen years and, prior to this, a forklift operator with O'Sullivan and Lear for more than 10 years. He also attended Braddock Street United Methodist Church and was a long standing member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Henry was an undeniable force of nature. He approached each and every day of his life with a cheerful and joyous spirit and in similar fashion engaged the world around him with contagious playfulness that no one could resist. There was never any question that Henry knew how to live deeply and have fun and it was from this we all became the lucky benefactors of his shenanigans, even if this sometimes meant we were the victims. Those that knew Henry well were also witness to an immensely gracious human whose moment-by-moment gratitude was always apparent...be it a sunrise, a dog wagging its tail, or a chili dog wrapped in wax paper. And anyone who ever encountered Henry felt his grace regardless of who they were...a stranger at gas station, a colleague at work, or an animal in need of love...no one was a stranger to Henry. In addition to being a fierce protector of those he loved, he was a kind and loyal servant to an extended family of friends and colleagues that spanned across many years and generations. And while this could be considered great on its own, what's most remarkable is how Henry knew when and where he was needed most, and how he was always able to touch someone's heart in just the way it needed to be touched.

Surviving are his special companion of more than 19 years, Donella Barberio of Winchester; a daughter, Deborah Ruth Kline of Winchester; two sisters, Peggy Thorne of Bristol and Debbie Hotinger of Winchester and a granddaughter, Alyssa. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Hawkins and a sister, Wendy "Sissy" Wright. A funeral service will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Phelps Funeral Chapel, 311 Hope Drive, Winchester with Rev. Kirk Nave officiating. Burial will be on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in High Point Cemetery, Bristol, VA. Casket bearers will be Justin Wright, Vernon Wright, Michael Kinne, Joey Smith, Robin Ebersole, Carroll Anderson, and Andrew

Hotinger. Friends will be received on Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to High Point Cemetery, 24171 High Point Road, Bristol, VA 24202.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service  
311 Hope Drive, Winchester, VA, US, 22601

**SEP** **Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dianne Kenney lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins



Dianne Kenney - September 18 at 03:39 PM

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“ I didn't even know until I pulled up this webpage of Henrys passing. In total disbelief, shocked. I worked along side Henry for several years. He was such and amazing person on many levels. May Hold Bless and Hold you Henry, Rest in Peace.

DM Kenney

Dianne Kenney - September 18 at 03:38 PM

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“ Pam Bock lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins



Pam Bock - September 08 at 03:24 PM

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“ From the very first time we met we connected. Henry was one of my best friends. I will keep him in my heart forever. Denise





“ A rare individual who made you feel like family from the moment he met you. As gentle as a lamb and as ferocious as a lion if he needed to be. That was mostly only when someone was mistreating another person, or especially if they were mistreating an animal. You will be sourly missed my friend. God's speed to you and belly rubs to all the critters in his kingdom. LYB - Namaste

Robin Ebersole - September 04 at 09:42 PM

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“ Jeff Snapp lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins



Jeff Snapp - September 04 at 10:24 AM

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“ Bob morehouse purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Henry Felix Hawkins.

Bob morehouse - September 04 at 09:12 AM

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“ Donella Barberio lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins



Donella Barberio - September 03 at 10:24 PM

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“ David Hearn lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins





**David Hearn** - September 03 at 07:06 PM

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“ Henry has been my brother since he became my brother Bentleys best friend when I was 3 years old. I love Henry so much and his memory will be locked in my heart forever. I am blessed to have been his LAS and for him to be my BAB. I love you forever Henry. To Peggy and Debbie, I love both so much. Laura

**Laura Simmons** - September 03 at 09:08 AM

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“ Debbie Hotinger lit a candle in memory of Henry Felix Hawkins



**Debbie Hotinger** - September 03 at 07:38 AM