



## Buddy Van Hawkins

October 26, 1957 - March 25, 2024

Buddy Van Hawkins, age 66, of Newport, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Dorothy Hawkins; brothers, Jimmy Edmonds, Walter “Petie” Holt; and sister, Dottie Hawkins McGaha.

He is survived by his sister Kathy (Thacher) Emory; nephews Richie Emory, and Tracey Edmonds; niece Taffy Edmonds; sister in law Linda Edmonds cousins/caregivers, Olivia Williams, Jackie Williams, Chloe Williams and Heidi Williams.

The family will receive friends from 11 am – 12 noon Friday, March 29, 2024 with funeral services following at 12 noon in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rick Clevenger officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Humane Society, 6717 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Burial will be at a later date.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manefuneralhome.com](http://www.manefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Buddy Van Hawkins*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - March 28, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. Grew up with him, he always had a smile and tons of friends ! Wish I had known earlier, would loved to see Kathy, been a long time . Fly high Buddy , you will be missed*

Jay Williford - April 09, 2024 at 08:27 AM

DS

“ *Dear Kathy and family, So sorry for the loss of your sweet brother, another one of our childhood friends gone too soon. May god be with you at this time of grief and sorrow 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️*

Debbie Sands - March 31, 2024 at 08:43 PM

BS

“ *Bud Smelcer lit a candle in memory of Buddy Hawkins*



Bud Smelcer - March 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry Bubby was a great friend to me my late husband and daddy we all worked together for years such a sweet wonderful person we loved him dearly yall are in our prayers and thoughts ❤️

Lena Henry Hall Blythe - March 30, 2024 at 11:37 AM

SL

“ Buddy was such a great neighbor. I always enjoyed talking with him and he always made me laugh. He will be missed.



Sandy Lindsey - March 28, 2024 at 09:33 PM

TC

“ I knew Buddy thru many years at Bushes. See you again on the other side in Heaven. Peace brother.

Todd Cummings - March 28, 2024 at 08:25 PM

ML

“ Kathy, I'm so sorry for your loss of Buddy. He was a good friendly neighbor. We could talk for hours about our animals. He would come home from working all day and work in his yard and wash his car every day. He worked all the time and kept everything spotless. When I would have to leave out early he would turn on his porch light and stand on the porch until I drove out of my driveway. I always felt safe with him watching out for me after Dale passed away. He will be missed. I liked sharing food with him. H would always tell m I cooked like his little mama. I've lost a good neighbor. I pray that God will give you strength, comfort and peace during thus difficult time.

Mary Lindsey - March 28, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - March 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Marty Coakley lit a candle in memory of Buddy Hawkins



Marty Coakley - March 28, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ Kathy sorry to hear about th passing of Buddy. Have a lot of wonderful Memories of all of us growing up together. God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.



Bobby Clevenger - March 28, 2024 at 09:55 AM

LD

“ Love, Dwight & Wanda - Gary & Debbie purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Buddy Van Hawkins.



Love, Dwight & Wanda - Gary & Debbie - March 28, 2024 at 08:19 AM

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“ Love, Dwight & Wanda - Gary & Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Van Hawkins.

Love, Dwight & Wanda - Gary & Debbie - March 28, 2024 at 08:19 AM

AW

“ Buddy is my cousin by marriage. Many years of memories with him his sisters brother and mama. And my husbands family. I will miss u Buddy Fly high I know all your pets were waiting at the rainbow bridge. Until we meet again love you and miss you ❤️🙏😊☺️

Ann Webb - March 27, 2024 at 09:59 PM

SK

So sorry for your loss.

Sandra Kinkead - March 28, 2024 at 09:03 AM

DK

“ Debbie Herbie Keller lit a candle in memory of Buddy Hawkins



Debbie & Herbie Keller - March 27, 2024 at 09:35 PM