



Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins

August 30, 1967 - August 4, 2019

UTICA/KILLEEN, TX - Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins, age 51, left this world unexpectedly on Sunday, August 4, 2019 and returned to the Lord.

Born in Utica on August 30, 1967, Eric was the son of Ezel and Elder Mary (Price) Hawkins. Raised and educated locally, he attended John F. Kennedy High School. In more recent years, he continued his education and earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Eric was a good-natured, jovial man, full of life. He was the eternal jokester who always had you laughing. Because he loved people, he made friends easily and shared his conversation and company with so many. Eric was a self-taught, talented musician from childhood. His calling in life was composing music, singing, and playing the keyboard. The genre he performed was always Gospel music and he composed several of his own hymns. These musical gifts embraced his life and brought him closer to God. He lived in Georgia and most recently in Texas, but wherever he lived, he sought out a faith community that embraced his musical talents and held the position of choir and musical director. Eric was also a radio personality known as King Judah on Black Satin Radio where he had a tremendous following. His tender side was seen in his love poems, many of which were published and entitled Living My Dream.

Family was important to Eric. His children were his priority in life, no matter where he resided. He loved his parents, siblings, and children, and he was a beloved grandpa. He enjoyed cooking and sweet potato pie was his favorite.

Video games were one of his leisure activities, and he loved dogs, especially his great companion and well-behaved pit bull named Chief.

Eric was raised as a member of the House of God Church Keith Dominion and later attended St. James Church in New York Mills, prior to his current parishes in Texas. His faith was strong, and as an adult, his life revolved around the church. He put his life into the hands of the Lord where he knew he would find salvation in heaven.

Eric is survived by his parents, Ezel and Elder Mary, his fiancée, Arielle Chemise Glynn; his daughters and their loves, Krystal and Brian Saxe, and Shannon and “Lee” Ferguson; his infant son, Eric De-Arnold Hawkins, Jr.; grandchildren, Mariah, Brian Jr., Ava, Kenna, Adryana; Aalanah, Harmoniee, Nehemiah, and Micah; and siblings, Henrietta Troutman, Isaac G. Moody Jr., Willie J. and Valarie Dexter, and Rozena Hawkins. He was preceded by his brothers, Ezel “Poncho” Moody, and David E. Moody. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, godparents, Wilford and Mary Hunt, and members of Arielle’s family; longtime friend Sean Dawkins, and many beloved friends in Utica and Texas. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Jerome and Viola Price; paternal grandparents, Odell and Mary Hawkins; and his aunt, Earsel L. (Hawkins) DeShazer.

The family extends their sincere thanks to the First Responders for their efforts during Eric’s untimely passing; Pastors Janice and Ron Wallington of the Word of Knowledge Ministries in Texas and the congregation for their spiritual guidance and prayers; his Utica family, especially his mother’s wonderful friend, Gen. Elder Elaine Blue and the House of God Keith Dominion parishioners for their unending love and support.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 17th from 10:00-12:00 noon at the House of God Church Keith Dominion, 1304 Genesee Street in Utica. Eric’s Home Going and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at the Church upon conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in New Forest Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

SW

“ You will forever be in my heart! I just can't believe you are gone. We just spoke recently and how you were in enjoying fatherhood. I will always love you and hold a special place in my heart! You taught me how to love! RIP Peace my friend!

Sherrie Wright - August 17, 2019 at 07:03 AM

LW

“ We appreciate your commitment to the music ministry but most of all, to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May you continue to rest in heaven our beloved Bro Eric.

Lashawnda Williams - August 16, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins.



August 16, 2019 at 02:11 PM

DJ

“ Donald & Denise Jones purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins.



Donald & Denise Jones - August 15, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins.*



August 14, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ *We celebrate your life and cherish the memories that you shared with Word of Knowledge Ministries in Texas. We're very grateful for having known such a joyful and kind Brother in Christ.*

Billy and Consuelo Lewis

Billy - August 12, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Yvette Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric De-Arnold Hawkins*



Yvette Green - August 10, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Hawkins family may God comfort you in the time of need God bless the family*

Yvette Green - August 10, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Wow, IM SENDING PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY*

ROBERT ENOCH - August 10, 2019 at 01:50 AM

DT

“ Praying for Comfort and strength for the Family and all his Love ones. Diane Tanner Rochester NY

Diane Tanner - August 09, 2019 at 10:07 PM

ME

“ You will be missed! Our family is so blessed to have known you.



Megan - August 09, 2019 at 04:24 PM

BB

“ The brother I never had.... It's true when they say you never know when your in the presence of an Angel. Your jokes, smile, laughter and presence will forever be missed. It's still unbelievable at the moment but I can see you smiling down upon us all.

Brandi Brothers - August 09, 2019 at 04:13 PM

LW

I Just met you in June of this year! Via My Daughter Brandi Brothers who considered you as Family, A Brother. Your Big Smile and Hospitality was just Amazingly Awesome! I said to Myself when I Return Home to Louisiana I can't wait to get back to Texas to see you all again! You were Anointed for Praise and Worship and Served God Faithfully I was Deeply sadden by your passing. You left me with this saying: TELL THE LORD THANK YOU! and I Thank God for the Privilege and Pleasure of Meeting You. My Condolences, Prayers and Sympathy to The Family.

From: LINDA WEBBER....LA.

LINDA WEBBER - August 09, 2019 at 06:02 PM

SH

“ *U will be missed,a smile that lit up a room.Rest on E.*

Sheila - August 09, 2019 at 02:26 PM

KT

Our heartfelt condolences to the Hawkins family. We are thinking of you and praying for you during this difficult time.

Keith & Angela Webb Memphis Tn - August 09, 2019 at 03:24 PM