



## Dr. Frank T. Hawkins

August 26, 1935 - December 21, 2020

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Memo line: Frank T. Hawkins Endowment

Prairie View A&M University

Office of Development

PO Box 393

Prairie View, Texas 77446

Dr. Frank Terroll Hawkins was born August 26, 1935 to the union of Dorothy Mae Washington and Simon Hawkins, Jr. in Hearne, Texas and attended Blackshear High School. His life was dedicated to his family, church, Prairie View A&M University and the surrounding the community. His active service in various capacities has been felt throughout numerous organizations.

He attended Prairie View Agriculture and Mechanical University (Prairie View A&M University) and received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics in 1957. While attending Prairie View A&M University, he met the beautiful Mary S. (Brown) Hawkins who was a fellow student at Prairie View A&M University. They eventually married. To their union was bestowed four children. Gerald Bernard, William Noel (Fanniece), Dorovenia Nicole, better known as Nikky, (Mitchell), and Etterroll (deceased) Hawkins.

He received his first Master in Mathematics at Prairie View A&M University in 1965. He then pursued a second specialty master's in Mathematics for Teaching at the University from the University of Illinois in 1969. He culminated his professional degree with a Doctorate in Mathematics Education from the University of Houston.

Dr. Frank T. Hawkins retired after 39 years of distinguished service at Prairie View A&M University. During his tenure, he held various positions including instructor, Assistant Professor, Professor of Mathematics, Chair of Freshman Mathematics Studies, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science, Member of the Faculty Senate, and lastly Chair of Mathematics. He was a distinguished fellow of the Phi Delta Kappa, Life Member of the National Association of

Mathematics, the Founder of the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP), and Life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Prairie View A&M University National Alumni.

Prairie View A&M University was awarded many grants under the direction of Dr. Hawkins. During her tenure as Chair of the Freshman Studies Mathematics he was the author of the compendiums that were taught. Through his leadership many students were advised during their education endeavors of achieving their higher education.

Dr. Hawkins served on the city council of Prairie View as a board member as well as being a member of the Prairie View Chamber of

Commerce. He was an amateur golfer and won many awards. In the late 60's and early 70's, he served as the golf coach for the Prairie View A&M University golf team. During that era the golf team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics on several occasions. He established the Prairie View A&M Local Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golf Tournament that is held every year during the university homecoming. He played and won in many International bridge tournaments. He was a member of the St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church where he served on the pastoral council for several years. Once his beloved St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church was closed he became a member of the Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church as well as Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church where he became a Fourth Degree Knight.

Frank T. Hawkins was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Foster, father Simon Hawkins, Jr, stepfather William Foster II, sister Doris Hawkins Wilson, brother, Elijah, and son Etterroll Hawkins.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Mary Hawkins, sons Gerald and William (Fanniece) Hawkins, and daughter Dorovenia Nicole Koch (Mitch). His twelve grandchildren are LaKeshia Ragston and Andie Hawkins (sires of Gerald Hawkins,) Dr. Amanda Marks (Jeremy), Dr.

William II(Dr. Leah), Dr. Bradley Hawkins, Dr. Steven Hawkins, Dr. Samantha Hawkins-Bromberg (Nathaniel), and Jessica Hawkins (sires of Dr. William Hawkins), Joshua Koch, Anastasia Koch , Nicholas, Koch, and Isabella Koch (sires of Dr. Nikky Hawkins). The great-grandchildren are William III and Frank Hawkins from William Hawkins II and from LaKeshia Ragston is Anaya Ragston. His brother William Foster III (Dr. Laurette) his two sisters Jimmie Ruth Greene Taylor and Ola Mae Redmon. His sister-in-law Patricia Brantley (Paul), brothers-in-law Kenneth Brown, Thaddeus Brown (Elaine), Gregory Brown, and a host

of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Former students, family friends, and the members of the Prairie View Community will also cherish the memory of Dr. Frank Terroll Hawkins for he touched the lives of many people.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie View Cemetery

Prairie View, TX 77446

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Rosary

DEC **30**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Mass

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*

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January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



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**Carolyn Stevenson** - April 11, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Toni Hill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



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**Toni Hill** - January 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



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**Beverly Walker** - January 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM

AP

“ *May the memories of Dr. Hawkins and the love of family and friends surround you and give you strength in the coming days.*

*Arthur Prevost*

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**Arthur Prevost** - December 30, 2020 at 10:06 PM

AP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Hawkins Family.  
We pray God's blessings of strength and endurance for the family during your period of bereavement and thereafter.*

*May Dr. Frank T. Hawkins rest in peace.*

*Dr.B. Richards and Curliss Richards*

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**Arthur Prevost** - December 30, 2020 at 10:03 PM

NQ

“ *Sending love and prayers on the loss of Frank T. Hawkins, a magnificent gentleman and a wonderful friend.  
The Family of Dr. Alvin J. McNeil (Ella Edith, Needha, Charles, and Adrian)*

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**Needha McNeil Queen** - December 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DL

“ *I light this candle in memory of my favorite mathematician Dr. Frank Hawkins. My condolences to his family.*



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**Dr. Carla Lee** - December 30, 2020 at 09:45 AM

MM

“ *Marvin McNeese lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



Marvin McNeese - December 30, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Terri Carter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



Terri Carter - December 30, 2020 at 01:25 AM

HF

“ *Helen Favors lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



Helen Favors - December 29, 2020 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ *Di'Kendra Mathis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



Di'Kendra Mathis - December 29, 2020 at 02:43 PM

KR

“*Mary, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved husband, Dr. Frank T. Hawkins. There is so little that one can say and so little that one can do when you have lost a loved one who is so very dear to you. I say this because I have walked in your shoes. But know this, God is still on his throne, and still in control of this world. Frank will always be with you in your memory and in your heart. Your love will never die. I loved his smile and sense of humor. I will miss him from our PV Golf Tournaments, and telling me I can pick up some pecans from the yard when I came to your house. Still, I offer my deepest sympathy to let you know how much I care.*



*With love,*

*Kathryn Reed*

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**Kathryn A Reed** - December 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JS

“*I remember taking a math class from Dr. Hawkins. He was teaching us problems that had so many steps until I had to raised my hand and ask, "if there was a shorter version because we were all looking around at each other confused!" And he said, yes! He told us, the longer version was to make sure we really understood how to work the problem. I love math after then! The only question that is a dumb question, is the one not asked! He was a very nice person and the Best Math Instructor I ever had. I will keep the Hawkins family in my prayers.*

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**Jean Simpson** - December 29, 2020 at 05:54 AM

JS

“ *Jean Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



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**Jean Simpson** - December 29, 2020 at 05:21 AM

GT

“ *TO: The Hawkins Family*

*Praying for you and the family. This brings a prayer that God above will comfort you with His great Love, and may the strength of your belief Help guide you through this time of grief.*

*With Deepest Sympathy On the Loss of your Loved One,  
Gloria Marie Thompson and Family*

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**GLORIA M THOMPSON** - December 27, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins.*



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December 26, 2020 at 12:44 PM

ES

“ *Dr Hawkins, my frat brother and like a dad to me. I had the honor to travel all over country with him and my late frat brother Charles Crockett. We drove him and were like his body guides . He was there for us all. We will miss him. RIP and God Speed. Thank you brother*

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**Ell-Roy stevenson** - December 26, 2020 at 04:31 AM

BW

“ *Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Frank T. Hawkins*



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**Beverly Walker** - December 25, 2020 at 10:51 PM

FE

“ My deepest sympathy to the Hawkins Family on the passing of the Patriarch Dr. Frank T. Hawkins, a man of valor, class and determination. My first memory of Dr. Hawkins was in 1973 when I was enrolled in Dr. A. D. Stewart's Calculus 1 class. I was at the board explaining the fundamental of Calculus when Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Freddie Frazier (two great mathematicians) popped in and asked Dr. Stewart did I know anything about math. Doc said try him. I said that the fundamental theorem of calculus in relation to differentiation and integration are inverse operations and the values of antiderivatives to definite integrals and proceeded to work the problem assigned. Dr. Hawkins asked what is your major and I told him accounting; he said you ought to be a math major - Dr. Frazier agreed too. I said no way. From that point on we both gain respect for each other and I could call on him anytime there was an issue, both personal or professional. I also worked with Dr. Hawkins (he was head of Freshman Studies Mathematics) in assembling the Freshman Math Modules - I was the resident printer too. Dr. Hawkins was a man of great courage, ethics and a friend to all. May his life and legacy live on in the students, staff and faculty that had perchance graced his company and persona.



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**Frederick V. Roberts Esquire** - December 25, 2020 at 08:25 PM

CK

“ Mr, Hawk as we use to call him, was a great MATH teacher! I learned a lot from him! My condolences to his family!

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**Clarence Kirkwood** - December 25, 2020 at 02:04 PM

IC

“ *May God give your family peace comfort and strength during this time*



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**Ida Campbell** - December 25, 2020 at 07:46 AM