

LIFE'S COMMAND

Attention! I could hear him say as he approached me that day.

What's your name soldier? Derrick Hawkins, Sir!

March Time March!

This was my first Life Command.

Forward March!...

I traveled a long road to achieve my destiny; I had great love and support from my friends and family. There was much in life that I wanted to do, so I put the pedal to the metal and on I flew.

My gears shifted up, then down,

And my Life's Command was spoken again and loud.

Soldier! This race is not given to the swift nor strong, Sir. Yes Sir!

But to the one who endures to the end, Sir. Yes Sir!

I fought long and I fought hard; I slowed my pace and kept the faith. I may not have been the fastest nor the strongest;

But I endured all the weight.

No medals or hearts can validate me,

Because my Life's Command said to endure to the end

And the end mean I'm Free!

PALLBEARERS

*HavyAiré
Christopher
Salvatorie*

*Darrius
Keenan
Harold Jr.*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Alton White
Anthony Davis
Burl Preston*

*Chris Davis
Timothy Davis
Willis Harris*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Derrick Hawkins wishes to express our sincerest thanks for your kind expressions shown to our family during our time of sorrow. We pray for God's continued blessings according to His Perfect Will for you, in the days to come!

With love, The family

Repast:

(Immediately following funeral services)

Omega Center

3900 Goodfellow Blvd.

St Louis, MO 63120

In Loving Memory of

Derrick D. Hawkins



Sunrise:

March 1, 1956

Sunset:

June 2, 2014

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalms 116:15

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

12:00 PM

Buchholz Chapel

1645 Redman Rd.

St. Louis, Missouri 63138

Bro. Michael Bush - Officiant

Life's Reflections

Derrick Demetric Hawkins was born March 1, 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri to Palestine Hawkins and Richard Wilson. He was the younger of two children. Derrick's father and grandparents preceded him in death.

Derrick confessed his love for God at an early age. As a youngster, he attended church faithfully with his God-fearing and devout mother, who helped to channel his faith and love for the Lord.

*He was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools, graduating from Beaumont High School in 1974. At the young age of 18, Derrick desired to join the United States Air Force. After **proudly** serving this country for five years, he received an honorable discharge in 1979. Derrick later earned his Mechanical license as a Sheet Metal Worker for Local 36. He further advanced his career by earning his International Sheet Metal Journeyman license. He held this position with Local 36 for 28 years until his early retirement.*

Derrick was a go-getter and did what he had to do when he had to do it. When things got rough, Derrick got tough. His motto was "cover your own backside, do what you've got to do, and don't depend on no-one but yourself and God." He was a fun, loving, caring, understanding, nonjudgmental, and awesome provider, husband, father, son, brother and friend. Derrick wore a badge of honor for serving his country. He always had a story to tell you about when he was in the military no matter when the opportunity presented. Besides his family, Derrick believed that serving this country was one of his greatest life accomplishments.

Surrounded by his love ones, Derrick transitioned from labor to reward while hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Nashville, TN.

Derrick leaves to cherish his memories: his faithful mother – Palestine Hawkins; a loving wife – Dorinda; sons – HavyAiré, Christopher, Salvatorie, and Darrius; one daddy's girl – Kahdeja; one daughter in-law – Natasha; two granddaughters – Heavyn and Cora; two grandsons – HavyAire Jr. and Christopher III; a devoted sister – Veda Jackson; a special cousin – Alton White; and a host of other relatives – aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters/brothers in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Music Selection

Jesse Prather

Poem

Otis Bush

Acknowledgements and Condolences (2 minute limit, please)

Music Selection

Jesse Prather

Special Tribute

Georgia Haynes-Davis

Life's Reflections

(Read silently with soft music)

Message of Consolation

Bro. Michael C. Bush

Music Selection

Jesse Prather

Parting View

Benediction

Recessional

Cremation

Services entrusted to:

