



## Joanne Free Hawkins

March 29, 1933 - May 16, 2023

Joanne Free Hawkins, age 90, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2023. She lived a long fulfilling life beloved by her family and as a proud member of the Nokesville community. She was born on March 29, 1933, in the same house she spent most of her life in, to the late Lucile Mark and William Raymond Free. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Michael Hawkins, SR and her sister Vera Albrite and four brothers.

Joanne was the secretary and bookkeeper at Brentsville District High School since it opened on Aden Road in 1965 until she retired. She was also the neighborhood Avon lady and delivered all orders in person. She played bridge every Wednesday and Poker every Friday night. Joanne also immensely enjoyed Bingo and the slot machines. If the television was on you could find the Washington Nationals, Washington Redskins or General Hospital playing. She was a lifetime member of the Nokesville United Methodist Church. She provided a home cooked meal every night to her family and helped raise her grandchildren making sure they never rode a bus to school. She attended every game, recital, and graduation. She never flew on a plane but was up for any road trip.

Survivors include her daughter Paula J. Hawkins, her son Dale M. Hawkins (Lynn); two stepchildren: Thomas M. Hawkins, JR (Sherry), and Robert G. Hawkins (Shirley); two grandchildren: Justin Rollins (Emily) and Hayley

Fletcher (Blake), four step grandchildren: Amy Boyle (Justin), Thomas M. Hawkins, 3rd (Caroline), Andrew Hawkins (Paige), Jeff Hawkins (Maiyen), two great grandchildren, and 10 step great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6-8PM Tuesday May 23, 2023 at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 96009 Center Street, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 1PM. Interment at Manassas City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in her memory be made to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Manassas City Cemetery

9317 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-8372  
<http://www.manassascity.org/181/Cemeteries>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
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# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Paula and Dale*

*So many memories of your mom. On teacher work days, she would gather Norval, and me, and several others to go to lunch at her house. Paula would be busy all morning cooking lasagna. The best I have ever eaten. I don't know why I was one of the chosen few to experience this wonderful meal, but I will be eternally thankful for the opportunity. We will remember your mom forever.*

*Bill Perry*

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**Bill Perry** - May 22, 2023 at 06:50 PM

JW

“ *Wonderful memories of Nokesville and Joanne's kindness . Paula , I still remember the "sugar-butter cookies" that you were selling . Yes, Joanne was a BDHS legend , and helped so many . Love and prayers for you all, Joyce Aylor- Waugh*

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**Joyce Aylor- WAUGH** - May 22, 2023 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ *How blessed I feel to have known this special lady. She was always in a jovial mood and we shared so many great talks. She made my job as church treasurer easy as she could remember names and figures without having a book in hand. The community has lost on of it's finest and heaven is awaiting Joanne's beautiful soul. Paula, Dale and family; my prayers and thoughts are with you. In Gods Love, Janie Spears*

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**Janice Spears** - May 22, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ Elizabeth and I send our love and sympathy. I have many wonderful memories of the Hawkins family. Kelly Shirley

J Kelly shirley - May 21, 2023 at 10:47 PM

MH

“ Marlene Holmes lit a candle in memory of Joanne Free Hawkins



Marlene Holmes - May 19, 2023 at 11:55 AM

MH

I am so sorry to hear of your families loss. Keeping you in my thoughts during this time.

Marlene Holmes - May 19, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JW

Joanne always been a very sweet upbeat person that Loves her Family including Friends and Community neighbors that are dear to Her Heart.I'm so very sorry for Your loss who puts people a top priority and the Loving evidence of caring is from Her bright smile.My Prayers,loving thoughts are with You Paula and the rest of Your Family.A comforting and encouraging thought that Joanne is now Rejoicing with Peace with the Almighty.Much Love to You Paula and Family!

JOSEPH WILBURN - May 19, 2023 at 01:10 PM

JL

“ **THE HAWKINS FAMILY**

*Jo and I are so sorry for the lost of your kind, sweet, loving Mother, Grandmother etc. She was truly a Nokesville Legend and lioved by so many who were blessed to know her and her family. she always that we remember had that contagious smile and love for life. Many prayers for your entire family during this sad time. Rejoice in knowing she is with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and in his arms. She was a devoted Christian Lady who loved God and his Son who died for all of us. God Bless you all and your entire family.*

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**Joanna/Lester Leonard** - May 19, 2023 at 10:35 AM

DB

“ *Dale and Paula,*

*I was so sorry about hearing of your mother's passing. She was always kind to all of us new teachers, and sometimes referred to as "Mother Hawkins" because of the way she took care of us. She was the go-to person in the front office if we wanted/needed anything done. The pigs on the barn remind me of her and you every time I go out 28 South. Whenever people would ask me how to get to BDHS, I would tell them to take 28 South and turn left at the next intersection beyond the "Pig Barn".*

*My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and the rest of the family.*

*Dave Button*

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**Dave Button** - May 19, 2023 at 07:52 AM

DP

“ *Dale and Paula, I am sorry. I remember her so well, she was definitely the glue that held BDHS together. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your families.*

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**Deb Wilson Patton** - May 18, 2023 at 10:39 PM

JS

“ Paula, I am so sorry to hear of your families loss. Keeping you in my thoughts during this time.

John Stelmack - May 18, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TB

“ A legend - and absolute sweet, kind, fierce woman who touched so many lives. She leaves behind an amazing family.

Tom Basham - May 18, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne Free Hawkins.



May 18, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JD

“ Paula I am so sorry for your loss. I am out of town and will miss the service, but sending love and hugs your way, my friend.

Jeanne Dolan - May 18, 2023 at 10:59 AM

DG

“ What a sweet lady she was. Alot of memories, Brentsville High School, Nokesville Days, and the famous Barn. Thinking of all the family, sending hugs and love to you all.



Denise Gough - May 18, 2023 at 10:28 AM