



Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III

February 20, 1943 - May 12, 2026

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Charles Earl Hawkins, III, was born on February 20, 1943, in Jefferson City, Missouri, to Charles Earl Hawkins and Colette Ellis Hawkins. After his early years in Missouri, the family relocated to Bethesda, Maryland, in 1952. His formative years were filled with purpose and activity: Boy Scouts, church youth group, and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School band, where he played trumpet and served as drum major.

Charlie went on to attend Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, where he majored in economics, was active in Army ROTC, and served as president of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha, during his senior year. It was there that he met the love of his life, Martha Youkey (Marti).

Charlie and Marti were married in June 1966. The following year, First Lieutenant Hawkins deployed to Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Upon returning home in 1968, the couple settled in Falls Church, Virginia, where Charlie launched what would become a distinguished career in association management and government relations within the aggregate industry. He rose to serve as CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors, a role that brought him into regular collaboration with members of Congress and allowed him to shape meaningful legislation. He also served as

exhibit manager of the Concrete and Aggregates Trade Show (at the time the largest international trade show in the world) and as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Association Executives.

Beyond his professional achievements, Charlie embraced a life of civic engagement and community connection. He served as Executive Vice President of the Jefferson Islands Club, a storied sportsman's retreat on the Potomac River, and held board positions with both the Congressional Charity Tennis and Golf Tournaments. He was a proud 30-year member of the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, where he served in numerous capacities, including committee work at the Presbytery level. He and Marti were devoted members of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club for 36 years. Charlie also served on the board of the Kent County Humane Society and was instrumental in the founding of both Home Ports and River Arts — organizations whose legacies reflect his deep commitment to the community he loved.

Charlie is survived by his beloved wife, Marti; his son, Charles (Chad) Earl Hawkins IV (Nancy), of Fairhope, Alabama; his daughter, Jennifer Hawkins Gilliam (Bill), of Glen Allen, Virginia; three grandchildren: Campbell Elizabeth Wiles (Corban) of Ruther Glen, Virginia, Catherine Eleanor Hawkins of Lafayette, Colorado, and Nicolas Hawkins Whyte of Glen Allen, Virginia; and his sister, Cynthia Earl Hawkins Baughman, of Chestertown, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Charlie's memory to the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown 905 Gateway drive Chestertown, MD 21620 or the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County (Formerly the Kent County Humane Society) 10168 Worton Road Chestertown, MD 21620.

A service of remembrance and celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13th, at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, 905 Gateway Drive, Chestertown, Maryland.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Dr
Chestertown, MD 21620-3362
(410) 778-6057

Tribute Wall



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III.*



May 29 at 09:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III.

May 29 at 09:46 AM



“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III*



Maryann Ruehrmund - May 28 at 03:41 PM



Oh Marti, we were away. We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and hugs are with you and your family. Max & Maryann

Maryann & Max - May 28 at 03:42 PM

ES

“ *Marti and Charlie were my incredible host parents the year I studied abroad in Chestertown, Maryland.*

They were both so kind, engaging and genuinely interested in me and my wellbeing. I am so grateful for that year and that we have kept in touch. I am deeply saddened by Charlie's passing and remember him so fondly. An intelligent, present and upstanding man. Attaching here a picture of us in church together, from 2014. My deepest condolences to the whole family, wishing you peace and sending love.

Best wishes from Ester Strømme in Oslo, Norway.



Ester Strømme - May 22 at 11:38 AM

DT

“ *David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III*



David Thompson - May 21 at 07:52 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III.*



May 20 at 11:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III.

May 20 at 11:31 PM



“ Our condolences to Marti, Jenn, Chad and families. Love, Holly & Mike

holly johnson - May 15 at 06:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III.



May 15 at 05:16 PM



“ Doris & Lou Reedt lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III



Doris & Lou Reedt - May 15 at 02:24 PM



Marti, so sorry for your loss. Sending deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Doris & Lou Reedt - May 15 at 02:25 PM

BN

*Charlie was a good friend and neighbor to us at Tilden Lane. We cherish all of the memories and express our deep sympathy to you Marti and your family.
Love, Bea and David*

Beatrice Newell - May 16 at 12:46 PM

JL

“*Joyce And Lee lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Earl Hawkins III*



Joyce and Lee - May 15 at 09:25 AM