



John Hawkins

May 3, 1952 - March 28, 2021

John Hawkins, age 68 of Mentor, passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021 at home. He was born May 3, 1952 in Cleveland, OH to the late Ellison Golphin and Marion Hawkins.

John, also known as “Gilbert” and “The Hawk”, will be fondly remembered as a very generous, kind and caring person. He met no strangers and his friendships were genuine and lasting.

John attended John Hay where he graduated, receiving his high school diploma. He then became employed as a bus driver for the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), until he retired after 31 years of service. Instead of kicking his feet up after retirement, John was so active that he chose to take a position as a School Bus Driver for Mentor’s Public School System where he worked for 8 years until he retired. The kids loved him so much, they drew him pictures and wrote letters of gratitude! It goes without saying that he was a proficient driver and enjoyed his work. John was loved by many! John was a very social and outgoing person. He loved being around people, his favorite pastime was often chatting and hanging out with family and friends. He loved the outdoors. Some of his hobbies included bowling, skiing, riding motorcycles, camping out, dining out, and his all time favorite; rocking out to his favorite tunes and movies (he was an all around music enthusiast). He enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a God-fearing man and followed the Golden Rule of treating others

the way he wanted to be treated. His beautiful smile and fun demeanor will certainly be missed by all who loved him.

Survivors include his daughter, Heather Hawkins; siblings, Felicia Hawkins, Michele Hawkins, Phillip Hawkins, and Maurice Hawkins; nieces and nephews, Kendra, Ariel, Aaron, Naijal, Rahmien, Latif, Phillip Jr., and Cqualif Hawkins; great niece and nephew, Marlie Hagler and Noa Hawkins; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the funeral home. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
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Funeral Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center created a Funeral Service in memory of John Hawkins*



Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center - April 10, 2021 at 02:49 PM

FH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends. May GOD hold you and give you comfort. John was such a sweet person. A very likeable guy. He will be missed*



Florence Hughes - April 09, 2021 at 08:32 PM

YB

“ *My condolences to his daughter and the rest of his family. Much love and peace to you all!*
Sincerely,
Pinkey Boyd, aka Yolanda Kennedy

Yolanda Kennedy, aka "Pinkey" Boyd - April 09, 2021 at 01:44 PM

YK

“ I met John in the 1960's as a child & teen who acknowledged God & accepted him into his life while attending Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ, which was a holiness pentecostal denomination. John loved God and being with the congregants so much, that he'd walk to and from services most of the time. I remember thinking what a trusting son he must have been for his mom to allow him the freedom of choosing his own church at such a young age. John gave his time, talents & offerings (Yes, even as a child he gave offerings.) to help support and further spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. During those years John lived a dedicated and separated life from whatever he thought was wrong. I knew he over the adults years from afar, but he seemed to be that same good Christian full of love for everybody and willing to help, if needed. He'll be missed until the saints meet again in glory.

Yolanda Kennedy - April 09, 2021 at 01:32 PM

YK

F.Y.I. - I commented above as Yolanda Kennedy, aka "Pinkey" Boyd. Just wanted to put an updated identity with my comment.

Yolanda Kennedy - April 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Hawkins.



April 09, 2021 at 10:13 AM

SD

“ *Condolences to the family of John Hawkins..*

John was a true gentleman and nice person. Always a smile and kind words. We were coworkers at GCRTA and also members of the Inner City Ski Bums.

Sheridean Davis - April 04, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SG

“ *Gilbert was a fun loving funny man he always had a smile on his face and pleasant things to say. No matter where I would see him his smile would make me smile we would talked about things back in the day and laugh like we back in that moment lol I would tell him he was silly we would laugh a little more than go on our way until the next time we would run into each other again. Gilbert will surly be missed I send my Condolences and Prayers to the entire family I love you guys and ask that God Bless you all with comfort and peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Sharon Page Greene - April 04, 2021 at 01:02 AM