



Donald Neal Hawker Sr.

November 23, 1947 - October 21, 2025

Donald Neal Hawker, Sr., 77, of 16832 Old Richmond Road, Keeling, VA, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 after being in declining health for the past seven months.

Donald was born in Keeling, VA on November 23, 1947, a son of the late Jesse Gilmore Hawker, Sr. and Mamie Wood Hawker. He had lived his entire life in the Keeling community and was a graduate of Dan River High School, Class of 1967. Donald had retired from Heat & Frost Insulators and Asbestos Works, Local #80. He worked as an industrial insulator. While he was working, he served as a Certified Asbestos Removal Superintendent, a Business Agent, and served on the Board of Trustees. Donald was also co-owner and bass player for the former Starlight Dance Land in Keeling. He was a member of Arbor Baptist Church, where he sung in the choir.

On November 23, 1967, he was married to the late Marie Burgess Hawker, who died on July 13, 2023.

Donald is survived by one son, Donald Neal Hawker, Jr. (Pamela) of Clayton, NC; one daughter, Melissa Hawker Gammon (Greg) of Danville, VA; two brothers, John Samuel Hawker (Pauline) of Keeling, VA, and Otis Spencer Hawker (Donna) of Cascade, VA; one grandson, Zachary Gammon; and two great-grandsons, Mason Gammon and Silas Gammon.

In addition to his wife, Donald was predeceased by a granddaughter, Alexis Nichol Hawker, a brother, Jesse G. Hawker, Jr., and a sister, Dawn Hawker Mitchell.

Funeral services for Donald will be conducted on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. from the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel by the Reverend Larry Davis. Interment will follow the service at Floral Hills Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12:30 P.M. to 1:50 P.M. prior to the service, and at other times will be at the residence, 16832 Old Richmond Road, Keeling, VA 24566.

The family suggests that memorial donations can be made to Breakthrough T1D (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), P.O. Box 5042, Hagerstown, MD 21741, in honor of Mason Gammon.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Hawker family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel
703 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 793-5511
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Funeral Service

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Burial

OCT **24** (ET)

Floral Hills Memory Gardens
1665 South Boston Rd
Danville, VA 24540

Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Neal Hawker Sr.*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 23, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BP

“ *So sorry to hear of Donald's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family! Love and prayers, Betty Pillow*

Betty Pillow - October 24, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SA

“ *Otis Donna and families I send my prayers comfort for your brother and his family Jesus be near Sandra Goodwin*

sandragoodwin - October 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM

FM

“ *From Ashton, Will, Garrett, and Molly purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Neal Hawker Sr..*



From Ashton, Will, Garrett, and Molly - October 24, 2025 at 09:52 AM

EA

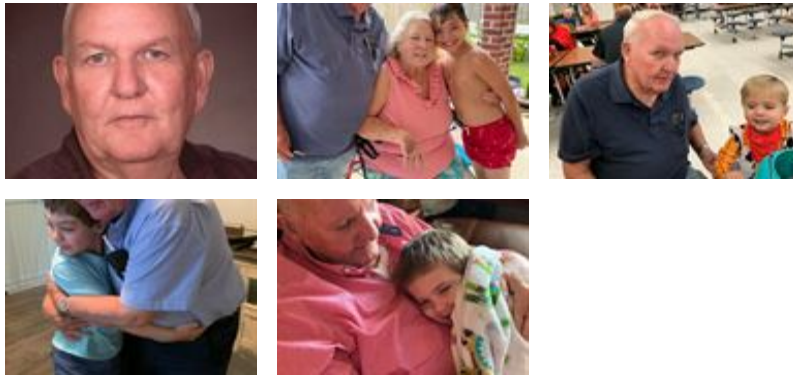
“ *Edith Adkins lit a candle in memory of Donald Neal Hawker Sr.*



Edith Adkins - October 24, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 23, 2025 at 04:12 PM

KB

“ *I am so sorry for to hear the passing of Donald. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God give you comfort and wrap his loving arms around you.*



Kennitha Burgess - October 22, 2025 at 09:31 PM

DN

“ So sorry to hear about Donald he was an outstanding student at DR drove a school bus as a student driver. Would see him often and will miss him and Marie.

Dodson T. Neal - October 22, 2025 at 08:12 PM