



Robert Hawks

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Robert Edwin (“Rob”) Hawks, of Mooresville, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, age 64, passed away on Tuesday morning, the 2nd of August 2022, on Lake Norman in a tragic skiing accident near his residence in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He was born on May 10, 1958 in Norfolk, VA to Homer Jefferson Hawks, Jr. and Martha Bond Hawks. Rob spent the majority of his childhood in the Chicago area and graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1979, where he majored in Business Administration and minored in Aviation.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff, and his mother, Martha.

In addition to his father, Homer Hawks, survivors include the love of his life, wife of 34 years, Barbara Hawks; son Kyle Hawks and wife Macie and grandchildren, Claire and Eleanor; daughter Hannah Hawks of Davidson; sister, Lainy Wick and husband Doug, and many nieces and nephews.

Rob, affectionately known as “Papa” to his grandchildren, was dedicated to his family, his career, and his many hobbies. Solid, stable, kind, and fair, Rob made everyone around him feel welcome and comfortable. He loved to talk about his kids, his remote control airplanes, and his landscaping plans for the front yard. He had a great sense of humor and wasn’t afraid to be silly if it would make his kids and grandkids smile.

As a line check airman and FAA designee, Rob trained a generation of pilots at United Airlines, where he spent over 30 years of his life. He loved flying and had particular joy in seeing his daughter, Hannah, follow in his footsteps and start her career as a third generation airline pilot. He was also incredibly proud of his son, Kyle, and his dedicated military service to our country.



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Rob was athletic and felt at home in the outdoors. He enjoyed water skiing, boating, hiking, and cycling with friends and family. He and his wife, Barb, loved staying active and rode a tandem bicycle together. In recent years they were able to combine their shared passions of travel and cycling, having explored Ireland and Croatia by bicycle.

The unimaginable loss of Rob has left a devastating hole in the hearts of so many. He was a man of great faith and while it is difficult to imagine a world without his open, kind heart and easy smile, we know he is with God.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 3pm Sunday, August 7th at Williamson's Chapel U.M.C. in Mooresville, NC. Reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in his name to:

Riverside Aeromodelers Society

P.O. Box 591

King, NC 27021

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Events


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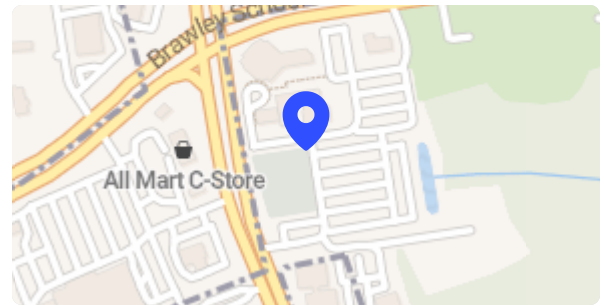
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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, August 7, 2022

 3:00 PM ET

 **Williamson's Chapel UMC Church**
575 Brawley School Road, Mooresville NC 28117





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Ernie & Carolyn (Tanklage) Johnson sent a Written in the Stars to the Hawks family.

August 8 at 12:40 PM



Kurt Kaufman posted:

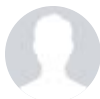
Rob always made the moment better with his bright and pleasant personality. I'll miss the spontaneous excitement when running into him on a layover or wherever. Taken from us much too early, but assured he is part of God's plan, he will carry those attributes to when we meet again. Kurt Kaufman

August 7 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Hawks family.

August 7 at 4:26 AM



Jerry Barnes posted:

I met Rob over 10 years ago at Joe Nall. Spent two weeks every year enjoying his company. He was such a patient man that loved aviation. He always talked about his son and daughter and the various car problems he always seemed to face. I'm saddened by his death and will never forget him when I lift up my transmitter. Heaven got a great soul to add to its collection. Jerry Barnes

August 6 at 1:45 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Hawks family.

August 6 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hawks family.

August 6 at 9:40 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hawks family.

August 6 at 4:33 AM



Jane Stephenson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Barb, Kyle, Hannah & Grandpa Homer, We were shocked & our hearts saddened with your unexpected loss. We have fond memories of how Parker & Drew would light up with big smiles when they saw their Uncle Rob. And we will always remember his quiet strength during Parker's illness. Rob will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a good man. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." (Thomas Campbell) With deepest sympathy, Jane & Charles L. Stephenson

August 5 at 10:19 AM



Mario posted:

To the Hawks family, My family and I share in your grief, although we have never met, I feel like I know you through Rob. Every interaction and conversation with him was always a pleasant experience, as a fellow check airman we shared not only technical but personal conversations. We are all part of a bigger family and so please except my deepest and sincere condolences, you will be in our prayers that our Lord will help you all in healing from the great loss and void you carry, for me every time I will enter the flight deck of the 777, I will remember our friend Rob. Stay safe and well, Respectfully, Mario Lopes

August 5 at 9:47 AM



Brian And Catherine Wick sent an Arrive in Style to the Hawks family.

August 5 at 4:32 AM



Jane & Charles L. Stephenson sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hawks family.

August 4 at 9:04 PM





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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Hawks family.

August 4 at 4:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hawks family.

August 4 at 4:36 PM



Kenneth Futrell shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 8, 2022, Tokyo, Japan.

August 4 at 1:13 PM





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Adrianna, Charlie, Parker & Drew with Hawk Family -San Diego Zoo
2018



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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