



Jack Hankins

April 15, 1916 - May 13, 2010

Heading: Jack P. Hankins

Dateline: Wellford, SC

WELLFORD, SC - Jack Peery Hankins, 94, died May 13, 2010. Mr. Hankins was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Kathryn C. Hankins. Survivors are his children, Beverly H. Meyer and husband Jim of Lyman, SC; Jackie H. McAdams and husband Bill of Wellford, SC; David B. Hankins and wife Emily of Hillsborough, NC. Grandchildren are Scott Meyer and wife Trisha of Shelby, NC; Lia Byers and husband Mike of Morrisville, NC; Megan McCravy and husband Marshall of Aiken, SC; Taylor Hankins of Hillsborough, NC; Corbin Hankins of Raleigh, NC. Great grandchildren are Victoria Vinole of Shelby, NC; Gage Byers of Morrisville, NC; and Jack, Anna, and Sam McCravy of Aiken, SC.

Mr. Hankins was in radio and TV broadcasting for 62 years, beginning in 1942 at WORD in Spartanburg, SC and retiring in 1991 from Radio Station WELS in Kinston, NC as general manager and co-owner. From radio he went to presenting interviews on 'Hankins and Guest' and 'In Focus' at TAC9, community TV station. Over his 62 years in broadcasting he interviewed 4,000 people in 39 states and 14 foreign countries. He retired from TV in 2004 at age 88 when he moved to Wellford, SC to be near family.

Mr. Hankins was very active in local, county, and state levels of service.

He belonged to the Civitan and Kiwanis Clubs and was an officer at both local and state levels. He received the Citizen of the Year by the Kinston Chamber of Commerce He was very active in Spilman Memorial Baptist Church where he was a member for over 60 years. He was supportive of the Kinston Public Library and Lenoir Memorial Hospital Volunteer Program. He endowed a scholarship for a Horticultural student at Lenoir Community College in memory of his wife, Kathryn C. Hankins. He held offices at the local and state levels for the NC 4-H program. He served as President and lifetime member of the NC Farm Writers Association. He was a past time President of the NC Broadcasters Association and was inducted into the NC Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He received the Earle Gluck Award for Distinguished Service from the NC/SC Broadcasters Association.

At age 65 when most folks were thinking about Social Security benefits, Mr. Hankins learned to fly, , recognizing a dream that began at age 9. He was a flying member of the Civil Air Patrol and a member of the Lenoir County Airport Commission.

As a final tribute to Mr. Hankins, the State of North Carolina presented to him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor that North Carolina can bestow.

Services for Mr. Hankins will be at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church, 601 Madison Ave., Kinston, NC, Saturday, May 22nd at 1pm. Visitation will be in the church fellowship hall on Friday, May 21st 7-9pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Spilman Church or the Benevolent Fund, Wellford Baptist Church, Wellford, SC 29385

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
601 Madison Ave
Kingston, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hankins were near and dear to our family. I remember they gave us a radio for our wedding present. I remember sitting in their home in Kinston, NC looking through some of their old photos. We were captivated listeners as they shared about their wedding day with us. We bought a suit for our son that sported a bow tie. We fondly referred to it as the Jack Hankins suit. We enjoyed his wit, his strength and the way he made us feel special. We will remember his smile and heartfelt laugh.*###imported-begin##Greg and Hannah Poe###imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 03:42 PM



“ *We are thinking of you during this time! He was an extraordinary man. Love to you all.*###imported-begin##Lauren King, Glenn and Kathy Stribling###imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 08:48 PM



“ *I looked forward to seeing Jack every day at the Middle Tyger Library where he volunteered so faithfully. He was so kind and caring towards each one of us. I loved when we got to go to lunch together and I could listen to the stories of his wonderful life. He was, and is still, an inspirational man. Jack was my buddy, and I miss him dearly.*###imported-begin##Sherry Henson###imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 04:06 PM



“ I really enjoyed sharing Kiwanis with Jack...he was always a great cheerleader for our club; may he rest in peace. God bless all of you during these difficult times.##imported-begin##Eddie Fargis##imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 03:27 PM



“ Jackie,
Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and yours in the passing of this fine Dad. Please know we care and are here if ever you need us.

Because We care, Rita, Ron and Family##imported-begin##Rita and Ron Allison##imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ What a blessing to have had "Mr. Jack" in our lives. He will be remembered and in our hearts always.
Kimberly Coleman and daughter Leah
(Middle Tyger Branch Library)##imported-begin##Kimberly Coleman##imported-end##

May 16, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ Jack will be missed by any one that ever came in contact with him. He was a very dedicated volunteer at the Middle Tyger Library and felt bad if he missed a day. He received the honor of Volunteer of the Year for the Spartanburg County Public Library system and it was well deserved. His kindness and smile were contagious. Mr. Jack always took the time to ask how you were doing with genuine interest. He will be greatly missed!###imported-begin##Syretta Compton###imported-end##

May 16, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ Your Virginia relatives share our love with the entire Hankins family. Jack meant so much to so many. His quick wit, wisdom, and love of people made him stand out always. We treasure our memories of him and count ourselves blessed to have known such a man. Our love, thoughts, and prayers to all ~
Dickie & Annette Irving###imported-begin##Annette & Dickie Irving###imported-end##

May 15, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ Beverly, Jackie and David,
I know you are grateful to have loved and cared for your Dad since your Mom's death and now they are together....Happy Day! Jack's death brings back many happy memories of all you Hankins in Kinston...Sending my love to all of you and hope to see you on the 22nd in Kinston, at Spilman.....###imported-begin##Hilda Winstead Gothson###imported-end##

May 15, 2010 at 11:27 AM



“ *What a precious man and how lonesome the library will be without him.. I enjoyed getting his call about a book being due and visiting with him when I came to the library amd enjoyed visiting with Beverly and Jim at American Nails.*

What a wonderful life he had ,how lucky you all were to have one another.

I grieve with you.

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May 14, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ *Mr. Jack was a very special volunteer at the Middle Tyger Library in Lyman, SC showing a love not only for the library but also for its staff and patrons. Jack always wanted to know about us, and he would share interesting stories from his own life adventures. Mr. Jack will always have a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##Lory and Charles Tarver##imported-end##*

May 14, 2010 at 11:26 AM