



Susan Hawkins

August 24, 1923 - November 21, 2018

Frances Eleanor "Susan" Gallup Hawkins, 95, passed away November 21, 2018.

A native of Nashua, New Hampshire, daughter of the late Harry Oscar and Laura Minerva Peters Gallup, she was a retired employee of Allen Bennett Hospital, a U.S. Navy Veteran, a member of Greer First Baptist Church and served as Camp Nurse at Camp Marietta.

Surviving are two sons, Michael E. Hawkins of Greenville and H. Gene Hawkins (Gail) of Murfreesboro, TN; one daughter, Nancy H. Smith (Mike) of Greer; one daughter-in-law, Becky Hawkins; seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hawkins was predeceased by one son, James T. Hawkins and five sisters, Fredricka Hayward, Phyllis Foley, Grace Cummings, Viola Roberts, Ruth Kantargis; one brother, Harry Gallup and two grandsons.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Wood Memorial Park conducted by Dr. Doug Mize.

The family is at the home.

The family respectfully request that flowers be omitted, and memorials made to Connie Maxwell Home, 810 Maxwell Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646, Greer First Baptist Church, 202 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29650, Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652, Greer Relief, 202 Victoria Street, Greer, SC 29651 and Daily Bread Ministries, 521 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Graveside Committal

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Loved this dear lady ! Such a rare gem !!!!*

Kia Harvey - December 23, 2020 at 08:53 PM

PS

“ *Gene, Gail, and family! I just heard today of the passing of your beautiful Mother. Peace be with your family at this time. You are all in our prayers! Pat and Gib Settle*

Pat and Gib Settle - November 26, 2018 at 04:27 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Williams lit a candle in memory of Susan Hawkins*



Sheila Williams - November 24, 2018 at 12:08 PM

EW

“ *Dear Hawkins family,
Don, Chuck, Jed and I just learned this bitter sweet news. Please know how much we love all of you and send our prayers your way. We were so blessed to have Susan in our lives as were so many others. And we love all of you.
Ellen Wall*

ellen wall - November 24, 2018 at 11:48 AM

NS

We love you all!

Nancy Hawkins Smith - November 24, 2018 at 05:51 PM

AH

“ I will always look back on my days at camp Marietta with great fondness. Nurse Susan always knew just what to say when we came for a visit whether it was for a tummy ache or homesickness. As Phil said at the end of the camp week It's not Goodbye it's see you later and there are no truer words for Kingdom family! So in true camp fashion... See you later Nurse Susan!

Alicia Harmon - November 23, 2018 at 08:26 PM

NG

I worked at Allen Bennett with Susan and I have fond memories of her. She taught me a lot over the years. She was a true example of Jesus's love. I will be praying for ya'll as you greive her loss
Nancy Green

Nancy Green - November 24, 2018 at 11:44 AM

KH

Hugs !!!

Kia Harvey - December 23, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Hawkins.



November 23, 2018 at 06:58 PM

NS

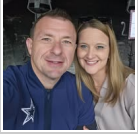
“ Nurse Susan was always a smiling face with an encouraging word! I am a better person for having known her. She was the most diligent prayer warrior that I have ever met. Heaven gained one of earth's greatest treasures! I will always have fond memories of my time with Nurse Susan!

Nathan Swords - November 23, 2018 at 03:28 PM

PB

“ We want to express our sincere condolences at the death of such a wonderful, loving, and patient lady. She served 15 years with Myra and Me at Camp Marietta. She was always our go to nurse and she always knew how to deal with the kids and staff in a way that assured their safety, health and love. "Nurse Susan" was loved by all who knew her. We will all miss her very much. Phil and Myra Blackwell

Phil Blackwell - November 23, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ She called me child and I love her still. Her voice rings in my ears, "Child, I pray for you everyday. Let me show you your name on my list. I pray for you and your Jamie, your Jacob and Nati Grace. I talk with Jesus every day." And, she did. Her life was one that reflected her Jesus as Savior, as friend, as comforter, and her full delight while she walked this earth.

I met Nurse Susan as a 6 year old as I bounded into her nurse's office at Camp Marietta to grab a daily dose of what I needed and she often would tell me, "Child, slow down. Don't go so fast. Wherever you are going will still be there when you get there."

I realized the jewel that Nurse Susan when I was as a high schooler. She would sit on the back porch at camp and, as I attended week after week, she asked me, "Child, you keep coming back. God is working in your life. Are you listening?"

The young college student that I became was determined to make my own way and headstrong was my motto. She gently chided me, "Child, go home and tell your parents how much you love them. Don't be so determined to prove them wrong. After all, they are right."

As a growing staffer at camp, she believed that I was more than I thought I was. "Child, be strong, be courageous, don't back down. Also, don't make me hunt you down to take this vitamin. Others are watching you and I expect you to obey." I did.

When I was a girl leery of love, she told me, "Child, I like that Jamie. You should date him. I think he is the one God will want you to marry." Was she serious? She never seemed to be wrong. So, I broke up with some other fella, accepted a date invitation from my now husband and proceeded to tell her first when he asked for my hand in marriage. "He is a good man. Be good to him, child."

A new wife, a new mama, a new pastor's wife would call and she

would remind me that she was praying, "Child, it will be hard. I have seen hard. Jesus is all you can ask for."

Burdens of the world too great, we would still go to her little house on the corner of Main in Greer. We would step in the door and she would invite me to sit in her breakfast nook. Her nook looked more like a war room. It's weapons were the Word, a prayer list, journals, notes of people to call, cards to write, and Scripture on note pads, jotted to remember Whom she loved most and all that He had done, rescued her from, and all that He promised He would do. "Child, pray. That is the most powerful weapon you have."

There was never enough time for my earthly satisfaction to sit and learn how to live from her. My memory of her will be of laughs, smiles, looking for the first signs of Fall, the nights that she came to my cabin because she had saved a brownie for me, the nights that she let me cry on the porch swing, consoled me, and then promptly told me to pull it together because Jesus had things for me to do. I will remember my Nurse Susan's phone calls. (Trust me, when Nurse Susan came across caller ID, I answered. Every. Time.) I will remember her standing at her screen door, with hands in the I love you sign saying, "Child, I love you."

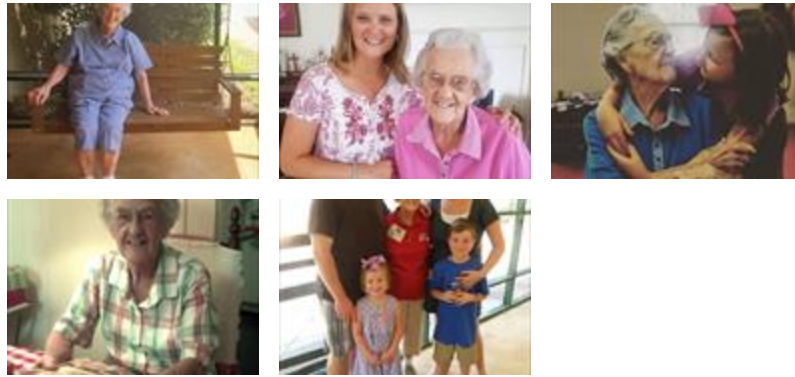
She did. She loved me. And, I loved her. But more than her love for any person on this earth, she loved Jesus most.

"Child, one day I will see Him face to face. It will be the best day ever. I will be sure to find our camp mountain and stay there forever."

She has seen Him on His mountain. What a glorious day!

Family of Nurse Susan, thank you for sharing her with all of us. I would have wanted to keep her all for myself. There are many at the feet of Jesus today because you were gracious as she shared the Gospel and her life with us.

Jamie, Kati, Jake, and Natali Auton



Kati Auton - November 23, 2018 at 02:25 PM

MA

“ *She will always be Nurse Susan for her years as Camp Nurse at Marietta Baptist Camp. My son and daughter worked at Marietta Baptist Camp and I heard so many special memories from them of "Nurse Susan". She has touched so many lives through her ministry at camp. Martin & Marilyn Atkins (parents of Kirk Atkins and Diane Atkins)*

Martin & Marilyn Atkins - November 23, 2018 at 12:58 PM

KA

“ *Nurse Susan, as I knew her, was a very caring, serving, and special soul. Her love for children and heart for missions was incredible. Her values, beliefs, and faith was unwavering. She will be missed by many. May God grant her family peace and comfort as we all both mourn her passing and celebrate her home-going.*

Kirk Atkins

Kirk Atkins - November 23, 2018 at 12:10 PM

KL

“ She was a dedicated, loving Sunday School teacher for our Anna Mae when we first started attending Greer FBC in 2002.

Kelly Lee - November 23, 2018 at 11:41 AM

DA

“ I worked with Nurse Susan for many years at Camp Marietta. She was such a blessing to all of us-campers and staffers alike. She was a great example to each of us of how to put God's love into action.

Diane Atkins - November 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SG

“ I loved her, and she loved me. What a blessing that was! Bless her golden heart!

Sandra Godfrey - November 23, 2018 at 10:25 AM

YA

“ Nancy sorry to hear of your mother's passing.

Yvonne Atkins - November 23, 2018 at 09:59 AM

JC

“ Nancy, Mike, and Gene, I will always remember your Mom, she was a special lady. My Mom loved her very much. You are all so fortunate to have had her all these years. Even though I had not seen her for years I did think of her and how kind and caring she always was to me. May peace be with you all in this time of sorrow.
Jane Kantargis Crosby

Jane Kantargis Crosby - November 23, 2018 at 12:02 AM

BY

“ *BRENDA YOUNG lit a candle in memory of Susan Hawkins*



BRENDA YOUNG - November 22, 2018 at 10:15 PM

KG

“ *Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. Know that you're in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy Good - November 22, 2018 at 04:08 PM

AJ

“ *Susan was always such a wonderful person. God choose to not let her suffer anymore. He needed her in his kingdom to help with the gardens of heaven. She was a wonderful mentor to me in the past for all my questions on W M U. She loved missions. We are truly going to miss her.*

Azalee Jones - November 22, 2018 at 03:35 PM