



## Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.

March 11, 1932 - November 14, 2021

Marion Dargan Hawkins, Jr., 89, of Hartsville, SC died peacefully on Nov. 14, 2021. Born at home on March 11, 1932, in the farming community of Byrdtown in Hartsville, Marion was the son of the late Frances Lesesne and the late Marion Dargan Hawkins, Sr. He was married to his beloved wife of 61 years, Greta Carter Hawkins. They lovingly toasted each other each day with “Another day in Paradise!”

He was a 1950 graduate of Hartsville High School where he made life-long friends who through many years maintained their closeness by annual reunions and monthly meetings. Following graduation, he entered Clemson College (now University) majoring in Agronomy. While a member of the student cadet corp at Clemson he again made wonderful friends with his fellow classmates and was a lifetime IPTAY member and continued to attend football, basketball, and baseball games for many years with family and friends.

After graduation from Clemson, he served two years in the Army stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. After his service, he returned home and accepted a job at International Minerals Corp in fertilizer sales. He then worked at Coker Pedigreed Seed Co. for over twenty years as sales manager and director of marketing. In 1995, he established GoldLeaf Seed Co., a domestic and international supplier of tobacco seed.

Marion took much pride in his family and enjoyed yearly vacations at the beach, frequent family gatherings, and attending Clemson games with them. He is survived by son, Marion III (Lori), daughter Elizabeth Macdiarmid (Trey), daughter Greta Anne Rowe (James); grandchildren Dargan and Carter Macdiarmid, Graham and Lyla Rowe; sister Anne Sercer of Columbia; two nephews Pete and Paul Sercer.

He also took so much pleasure from his membership in the B and F Club, the Golf Club, Second Thursday Club, Kiwanis Club, and his lifetime membership at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. He entertained many people in his home where friends enjoyed his wonderful gentlemanly personality of friendliness and joke-telling. But he had a special fondness for his four grandchildren who called him MD.

The family will receive visitors at the home at 2229 Bethlehem Road from 4-6 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021. The funeral service will be held at 2 pm Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers please make memorials to the Bethlehem Cemetery, 2236 Bethlehem Road, Hartsville, SC 29550, or Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Ave, Hartsville, SC 29550, or to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery

2240 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Hawkins Residence  
2229 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

## Funeral Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Methodist Church  
2240 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Family, friendship and faith. Marion was a cherished roll model for nurturing all three.* ”

**Blane Sommer** - November 22, 2021 at 06:03 AM

BG

“ *Sorry for your loss  
Prayers for all* ”

**Bill Gaskins** - November 20, 2021 at 03:04 PM

AM

“ *Ashley Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.* ”



**Ashley Morris** - November 20, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



**Steve Winburn** - November 19, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Celeste Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Celeste Smith** - November 19, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JN

“ *I met Marion many yeas ago at our family restaurant, the Manhattan Steak House. Marion was one of the "stars", who joined in the telling of stories and jokes that helped to keep the daily gathering entertained for many years. We also served together in Kiwanis Club. Marion was gifted with a quick mind and the ability to communicate effectively, be it serious topics or humor (which was a specialty).*

*He was a product of Hartsville (and Greta), with an outstanding career in several significant positions that culminated in the establishment of his own company GoldLeaf Seed Company, a premier breeder and seller of tobacco seed. GoldLeaf Seed under his guidance and leadership, continued and greatly expanded the work of Coker Pedigree Seed and has been extremely successful. We will all miss Marion who always a Southern Gentleman. My thoughts are with Greta and the family.*

*John Nichols*

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**John Nichols** - November 19, 2021 at 12:12 PM

AS

“ *ANDY SHIRLEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**ANDY SHIRLEY** - November 19, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TR

“ *Terrie Reames lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Terrie Reames** - November 19, 2021 at 10:03 AM

VB

“ *Vernon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**vernon boyd** - November 18, 2021 at 10:14 PM

KC

“ *We're sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you during this time. Betty & Lee Bryant, Kim Bryant Clanton*



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**Kim Bryant Clanton** - November 18, 2021 at 08:02 PM

JR

“ *Justin Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Justin Reaves** - November 18, 2021 at 11:18 AM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Lori and Randy Lowe** - November 18, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MR

“ *Mike Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Mike Reaves** - November 18, 2021 at 05:17 AM

VC

“ *Van Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Van Chapman** - November 17, 2021 at 09:19 PM

CB

“ *Greta and all the family, I am so sorry to hear of Marion’s passing. He was such a great friend and cherish that friendship. Our prayers and thought are with you all through this time.*

Cheryl & Stan Biconish - November 17, 2021 at 08:29 PM

FS

“ *Faye Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



Faye Stinson - November 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

BS

“ *Bitsy Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



Bitsy Stroud - November 17, 2021 at 07:28 PM

GB

“ *Very sad to learn to learn this passing. Marion has been a great leader and champion for agriculture. We are grateful for all his contributions and surely will miss him. Our love and prayers to the family.*

*Graham Boyd*

Graham Boyd - November 17, 2021 at 07:21 PM

KP

“ To Miss Greta and all the family -

*John and I are sad to hear of Mr. Marion's passing. I consider myself very fortunate to have known him throughout my life. He was a true gentleman and a light in the community. Always wearing a smile and so upbeat. We will always remember him this way! I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Marion a bit more when Elizabeth, Dargan, and Carter came to stay temporarily (following Hurricane Katrina), though we were already Byrdtown "neighbors" and both members of Bethlehem.*

*Prayers for you...*

*Love,  
Kendall Chapman Perrow*

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**Kendall Perrow** - November 17, 2021 at 03:28 PM

NW

“ *Greta, we are thinking about you and your family at this sad time. Sending our love and deepest sympathy,  
Nancy and Budgy Wilhelm*

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**nancy wilhelm** - November 17, 2021 at 02:56 PM

MR

“ *Greta,  
I am thinking of you after Marion's passing. You both have been so wonderful to Kalmia Gardens as well as myself. May you find peace during this time.*

*Fondly,  
Mary Ridgeway*

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**Mary Ridgeway** - November 17, 2021 at 01:55 PM

RA

“ *Renee Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Renee Allen** - November 17, 2021 at 09:28 AM

KG

“ *Krystal Weekley And Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Krystal Weekley and Jewel Gibson** - November 17, 2021 at 07:33 AM

JW

“ *The most upbeat person I've ever know. Loved life and people. Never saw a stranger. He will be missed by so many. Prayers for the entire family.*

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**john walker** - November 17, 2021 at 06:48 AM

BG

“ *Lots of fond memories of Marion at the club over the years. He was always telling the funniest jokes and talking about Clemson football. Never a dull moment when he was around. Our heartfelt condolences for all of you. Sending our love and prayers, Bess and Don*

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**Bess Gore** - November 16, 2021 at 11:35 PM

FH

“ *Faith Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Faith Howle** - November 16, 2021 at 10:32 PM

GO

“ *Greta.....I am so sorry for your loss. You have my love thoughts and prayers coming your way.*

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**Grady O'NEAL** - November 16, 2021 at 08:48 PM

JD

“ *John And Judy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**John and Judy Davis** - November 16, 2021 at 04:32 PM

AR

“ *Greta Anne, I'm so sorry for your loss! You are in my prayers. Love, Angie Kelley Raines*



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**angie raines** - November 16, 2021 at 03:07 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Deborah Gandy** - November 16, 2021 at 01:20 PM

SB

“ *My heart breaks at the loss of your beloved Marion. I will miss his many kindnesses to me . You and your sweet family are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Sars*



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**Sara Buckles** - November 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM

SG

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Hawkins family. Marion Hawkins, Jr. was a true Southern Gentleman.... such a good man. I am thankful to have known him and his entire family. I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers throughout this very difficult time. I will miss him.*

*Susan and Johnny Goode*

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**Susan Goode** - November 16, 2021 at 09:53 AM

HS

“ *Marion was a dear friend of my father and our family for many years Thoughts and prayers to the Hawkins family Hart Brodie Smith*

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**Hart Brodie Smith** - November 16, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RB

“ Robin Budde lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



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**Robin Budde** - November 16, 2021 at 07:30 AM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



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**Ron Wall** - November 16, 2021 at 07:25 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



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**Matt and Betsy Bramlett** - November 16, 2021 at 07:24 AM

LE

“ Larry Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



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**Larry Easterling** - November 16, 2021 at 06:35 AM

NS

“ Nancy Peveler Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



Nancy Peveler Strickland - November 15, 2021 at 10:27 PM

JG

“ Jeff Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



Jeff Galloway - November 15, 2021 at 09:57 PM

SR

“ Sedell Rowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



Sedell Rowe - November 15, 2021 at 09:03 PM

BS

“ Bill & Angela Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



Bill & Angela Stokes - November 15, 2021 at 08:53 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - November 15, 2021 at 08:43 PM

LS

“ My prayers are with your family.



Louanne Smith - November 15, 2021 at 08:04 PM

GH

“ This wonderful man was my husband. We shared many years of happiness filled with laughter, fun times and lots of love. There were never dull times with him being your partner. My love Rest In Peace



Greta Hawkins - November 15, 2021 at 07:51 PM

PA

“ Love and prayers to you and family, Greta.. Marion was such a kind gentleman.. May God hold you in his arms at this difficult time.  
Chip and Patsy Auman



patsy auman - November 15, 2021 at 07:44 PM

JC

“ *John Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**John Crawford** - November 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Many thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



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**Don & Ann Tiller** - November 15, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MR

“ *Mike Rast lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marion Dargan Hawkins Jr.*



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**Mike Rast** - November 15, 2021 at 04:41 PM

MR

*I have a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat, hearing of Marion's death. What a special person! Everyone loved Marion! To the family, many folks share your sorrow, but Marion gave so many people smiles and laughter! May God wrap His Loving Arms around all of you and give you peace!*

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**Mike Rast** - November 15, 2021 at 04:45 PM

JC

*We are keeping you in our hearts and remembering the great time we had when we lived in Hartsville.*

*Tom & Jerri Cameron*

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**Jerri Cameron** - November 15, 2021 at 06:39 PM

PL

*Greta, You devoted such love and care to your dear Marion.*

*Patty Langston*

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**Patty Langton** - November 16, 2021 at 12:51 PM