



## James Willis Hawks III

November 4, 1958 - August 30, 2024

James Willis Hawks III, passed away on August 30, 2024, surrounded by loved ones after a brutal battle with cancer. James was a Houstonian who was born and raised in the suburb of Bellaire and lived a full life from childhood on Baseball, it was always his sport. From the local team as a child, to college years with Blinn Junior College, and University of Houston Astro games he attended. Even towards the end of life on this earth, he would walk up to TCU to watch the ballgame and talk with people. He was physically weak, but he stayed the course. James also loved football, Sunday was always for faith, food, and football. He was a founding member of Southside Community Church where he was active and enjoyed serving in the children's ministry with his wife. He always got Mardel's gift card for people at the church who became Christians and were baptized. It was so important to him that nobody missed that opportunity because he genuinely cared for people. James was very passionate about helping people to read and get into college.

He touched so many lives. Cancer can be so cruel. It took a great man from many lives, and he will be incredibly missed. He was very civic minded and started our neighborhood association so our area would be represented and be able to have some of the services the more affluent neighborhoods had.

For over 25 years, James taught at Turning Point Secondary School in Arlington. It was the perfect match. He was very passionate about his career,

the students, and faculty. Rarely missing a day until his illness. He loaded up with his backpack every morning ready to meet the day after watching traffic and weather on the news with Michelle. He was an avid reader and book collector but there is not one book ever written that could teach anyone what he taught everyone he knew.

His most used saying besides, "stop that baby" or "don't do that baby" was "Miles to go before I sleep". Things he enjoyed included golf, cooking, ministry, reading, writing, traveling, bird watching, antiquing, keeping his yard beautiful, and frequent trips to the zoo.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mildred Hawks of Houston, brother and sister Charles and Becky Anderson of New Mexico, and his aunt Imogene Mauk of Houston. He leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Michelle Kennemore Hawks, father-in-law Dwayne Kennemore, sister-in-law Marilyn Kennemore, brother-in-law Dwayne Kennemore Jr. with wife Amy, sister Nedra Hawks, brother Ralph, brother Stanley with wife Adrianna, many nieces, nephews, friends, and his church family Southside Community Church.

Visit the link below to view the funeral service.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/104557>

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of many of us who retired from AISD and didn't hear of his passing until a couple of days ago. We want you to know we each had memories of James' conversations with us before and after our big meetings that put smiles on our faces. We are each grateful for his dedication to the field and as a person who truly cared about people. He has been missed and will continue to be missed. Please accept this as our sincere condolences.

*Sincerely, Antrice Newsome*

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**Antrice Newsome** - September 14, 2024 at 03:53 PM

RW

“ Rebecca W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Willis Hawks III.

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**Rebecca W.** - September 12, 2024 at 09:35 PM

FW

“ Fermin and Paula Maldonado; Sharon Ware planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Willis Hawks III.

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**Fermin and Paula Maldonado; Sharon Ware** - September 12, 2024 at 02:05 PM

FW

“ *Fermin and Paula Maldonado; Sharon Ware purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Willis Hawks III.*



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**Fermin and Paula Maldonado; Sharon Ware** - September 12, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Michelle Hawks** - September 10, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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“ *I had the distinct pleasure of working with Mr. James Hawks at Turning Point Secondary over the last few years. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with him - he would happily share his wisdom and support, and I credit him for being one of those who encouraged me when it felt like nobody else was. I owe a great deal of my growth as an educator to his friendly wisdom and encouragement. He will be sorely missed but his impact in education and amongst those who had the pleasure to know him shall remain. I extend my sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Alane Nunez** - September 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM

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“ *Alane Nunez lit a candle in memory of James Hawks*



Alane Nunez - September 09, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Your neighbors and Friends - Paschal NA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Willis Hawks III.*

Your neighbors and Friends - Paschal NA - September 08, 2024 at 11:01 PM

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“ *Your neighbors and Friends - Paschal NA purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Willis Hawks III.*



Your neighbors and Friends - Paschal NA - September 08, 2024 at 11:01 PM

LC

“ *Michelle I never met your husband. I know you were devoted to each other. He was a very caring person. I've enjoyed meeting him through Facebook. Sincere condolences to you and family. I know he's also missed by his lil buddy Poundcake.*

linda curry - September 05, 2024 at 07:58 PM