



LIELA ELAINE HAWKINS

September 24, 1930 – January 2, 2025 (Age 94)

Liela Elaine Hawkins, age 94, passed into glory on January 2, 2025, in Lansing, Kansas.

Liela was born at home on September the 24th, 1930 to Hiram F. Bailey and Goldie F. B. Bailey in the city of Los Angeles, California, the 6th of eight children.

She was married to John J. Hawkins on June 7, 1954, until he passed on March 11, 2011. She arrived with her husband in Brazil on March 14th, 1957, and continued there with him for 54 years.

She was an unselfish woman with a pioneer spirit and a call from God, and served Him faithfully as wife, mother, teacher, nurse, professor and friend.

Liela is survived by her 3 sons, Timothy, John Jr., True, and three daughters, Neila, Melinda and Esther, 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Her life's verse was Isaiah 50:7: "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

A celebration of life service was held January 25, 2025, at Oak Trail Baptist Church, Granbury, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to World Baptist Fellowship designated to "Brazil Indian Bible Institute.