

**JOE HAWKINS OBITUARY**  
**November 23, 1933 - March 11, 2011 (Age 78)**



**John Joseph Hawkins Sr, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, passed from this life and went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on Friday, March 11, 2011. He was buried in a private cemetery surrounded by family and friends on March 12th.**

**John Hawkins was born on November 23, 1933 in Fort Scott, KS and is survived by his wife, Liela Elaine Hawkins, and his 6 children--Tim Hawkins of Manaus, Brazil; John Hawkins Jr. of Manaus, Brazil; True Hawkins of Manaus, Brazil; Neila Yelle of Caxias do Sul, Brazil; Melinda Crawford of New London, Ohio, and Esther Martin of Lansing, KS. He and Elaine have 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and were married for 56 years.**

**Joe and Elaine left the United States to travel to Brazil in 1957 and have served as missionaries there for 54 years. They have established numerous churches and Bible Institutes along the Amazon River. He will be missed by family and friends and the thousands across the world who have been influenced by his love and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Joe and Elaine are members of Anchor Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

**Donations may be sent to the WBF Mission office and designated for the Indian Bible Institutes in the Amazon Basin area in memory of Joe Hawkins.**

**A Faithful Soldier Called Home**

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**Missionary John Joseph (Joe) Hawkins, Sr. was born on November 23, 1933 in Ft. Scott, Kansas and went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 11, 2011 in Ft. Worth, Texas following a brief illness. He had suffered a heart attack 20 days earlier, but his heart condition was improving. Congestion in his lungs could not be overcome, however, even after extensive antibiotics were given.**

**Joe and his wife, Elaine, went to Brazil with their 11-month-old son, Tim, in 1957 and served the Lord there for 54 years. During their ministry there in the Amazon River Basin they saw many souls saved, believers baptized, and churches founded. They were also instrumental in founding five Bible Institutes; four among the Indian tribes. The main Bible Institute in Manaus has over 200 graduates with 80% serving the Lord in full time ministry throughout Brazil and in some foreign countries. At the time of his homegoing he**

**was anxious to get back to Brazil to start one more new Bible Institute in a tribal area north of Manaus. He had a lifetime vision for reaching Brazil with the Gospel.**

**The family had a private burial service on Saturday, March 12, at the Live Oak Baptist Church cemetery near their place out in the country. It was a “Brazilian” service and was a beautiful time with the family. A Memorial Service was held March 15, 2011 at the Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas with a great crowd attending. There were many pastors and missionaries present. There were three fellowships and four mission agencies represented at the service. Please continue to pray for Elaine and the family. Elaine has returned to Brazil and will continue in the work there as long as the Lord allows. Many decisions must be made in the very near future concerning the ongoing work there in Manaus and in the river ministry.**