



## Rudolph (Rudy) Hawk

May 21, 1934 - May 21, 2020

Rudolph (Rudy) Hawk, born 21 May, 1934, passed away 86 years later on his birthday in 2020. He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter's Lee and Janet, and son Michael. Rudy's first wife, Mary, passed away in February of 1996. Rudy's legacy includes seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Rudy spent his professional life serving our country for more than 47 years; 20 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer, and 27 years as a civil servant in the Department of Defense.

Rudy was well known in the surrounding area during the 1970's and 80's as a talented musician, where he performed as a soloist and band leader for "Rudy Hawk and the Hawkeye's," a traditional country ensemble. He also dabbled in recording and released a self-produced album titled, "My Story," which is a collection of the times and values of his life written and presented in his own words and melodies.

After his retirement, Rudy moved to the Great State of Ohio, where he began a new life with his second wife, Barbara. During this part of his life, he was reintroduced to the Lord and began another era of entertaining the public, but having forgone the din of the honky-tonks, and instead performing in area churches, community homes, and local festivals.

If you were to ask his family what Rudy held dear, they would tell you the

Lord, his family, and his close friends. His family would tell you that he always brought love to your life, as well as a guiding hand and open heart. Close friends remember that Rudy always left them with a positive spirit, never speaking an ill word. Both would tell you that he remained steadfast in his beliefs and unwavering in his support for family and friends.

This year, the world surely lost a treasurer of humanity, a man of character, a man of music, and a man of Christ. For many, the emptiness will last for some time, for others, seemingly forever. But for all, sweet memories will fill the void. For each of you that read this, we hope that you are blessed with his spirit and love, and that through you, his memory will live on.

Rudy was a member of the United Method Church of the Cross in East Springfield, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to his church, which can be mailed to: East Springfield U M Church of the Cross, P.O. Box 6, East Springfield, OH 43925.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) Hawk.*



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May 28, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *This world has lost a wonderful man. Heaven has gained one. I love Rudy with all my heart and I will miss him so. I loved the talks we used to have. It won't be the same without his music in Carrollton. My prayers are with you Barb. I love you*

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**Debra Collins** - May 27, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Barbara, so sorry for your loss. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Rudy, but sounds like he was a wonderful man. You and his family are in my prayers.*

*Wayne & Phyllis Salyers  
Kingsport TN*

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**Phyllis Salyers** - May 27, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Am going to miss you terribly your hugs & your smile always brighten my day.I know you are in a better place so RIP my friend until we meet again.Love & Prayers to Barb & your kids & grandchildren &greats.God will get us through*

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**Beverly** - May 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM

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“ *What a blessing to have known Rudy, a man who loved them Lord. I love listening to his CD and I am thankful for his talent !*💕💕

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**Kay Lash** - May 26, 2020 at 11:07 PM