



Lee Hawkins

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Lee Anna Hawkins, 80, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, in a local healthcare facility. She was born in 1945 to James Catchings, Sr. and Anna Lee Holland in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The second oldest of six children, Lee Anna was shaped early by family, faith, and community. She attended Howard High School, graduating in the Class of 1963, and maintained lifelong connections with her classmates. While living in Chattanooga, she welcomed her firstborn son, Antonio, and her second child, Annette.

Drawn by opportunity and possibility, Lee Anna moved to California as a young woman. She settled in Palo Alto, California, where life continued to unfold with both challenges and promises. While in Palo Alto, Lee Anna met William Stephens, and together, they welcomed her third child, Stefanie, and they moved to Washington State.

A few years later, Lee Anna felt called to return to California with her children. Back in Palo Alto, she built a stable and meaningful life for her family while working at the Veterans Administration Hospital, first as a nursing assistant and later as an administrative medical clerk. Her work reflected who she was – caring, dependable, and committed to serving others.

During this season of her life, Lee Anna met Robert Hawkins. They married and moved to San Jose, California, in 1971, where they purchased a home and raised their family. In 1974, Lee Anna welcomed her youngest child, Leha, completing the circle of her greatest joy – her children. Lee Anna and Robert spent twenty-five years together in San Jose, building a life together. Faith and trust in God were central to her life, and she became a devoted member of First AME Zion Church, where she served faithfully as an usher and a member of the Trustee Board, always giving generously of her time and spirit. While living in San Jose, she made a host of friends who became part of her extended family.



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In 1989, Lee Anna retired from the VA after years of dedicated service. Over the next several years, she worked part-time while continuing to pour herself into family, church, and community. In 1996, following her divorce from Robert, Lee Anna felt called to return home to Chattanooga, where her roots ran deep.

She was welcomed home with open arms by family and lifelong friends. As always, Lee Anna quickly became active in the community she loved. She remained deeply engaged with her Howard High School Class of 1963, serving faithfully on the reunion committee. She also found a spiritual home at Saint Mary CME Church, where she sang in the choir, served as choir treasurer, and was president of the Stewardess Board.

True to her commitment to service, Lee Anna joined Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Gamma Theta Chapter as a Philo. She was consistently of service to others by participating in numerous community service projects and as Financial Secretary. Giving back was not something she did occasionally, it was simply who she was.

Lee Anna was a beacon of care and compassion. She never hesitated to help someone in need. Within her family, she was a natural caregiver – opening her home to those who needed refuge, offering comfort, and tenderly caring for loved ones during their final days.

She was a fun-loving mother of four and a devoted grandmother of four, known affectionately as Nana Lee by her grandchildren. She was incredibly proud of each of them and loved taking part in their special moments, whether near or far. Beyond her immediate family, she welcomed countless others into her heart, claiming them as her children and grandchildren. Lee Anna's heart was wide, generous, and full. She gave the best bear hugs – always a joyous, warm and memorable embrace. Even if you met her only once, you felt her warmth, kindness, openness, and unmistakable sense of humor. She brought beauty into the world simply by being herself.

Lee Anna was preceded in death by her daughter, Annette Catchings; brother, James Catchings; and sisters, Willie Mae Powe and Ernestine Seay.

Lee Anna will be deeply missed by her children: son, Antonio High and Maricela Baron High (Santa Clara, CA); daughter, Stefanie Smith and Ronald Smith (Cypress, TX); and daughter, Dr. Leha Anaya Hawkins (Sacramento, CA). She is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren:



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Miles Nehemiah Robert Ollison, Malaya Symone Ollison, Dmitri Antonio High, and Camille Noelle Ollison.

She is survived by her brother, Robert Catchings; sister, Jannette Richie; niece, Tracy Catchings; nephews, Rodney Peterson and Ronald Wigfall; nieces, LaTanya Alverson and Robiyauna Catchings; and a host of grandnieces, grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Lee Anna will lie-in-state on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Chapel with Reverend David Young as the Eulogist.

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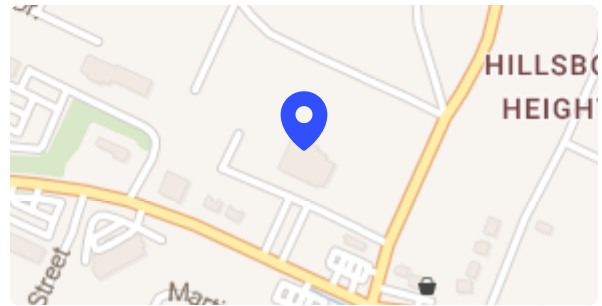
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Lie-In-State

 **Wednesday**, January 28, 2026

 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET


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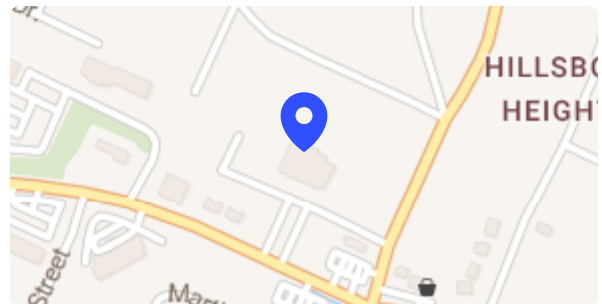


Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, January 28, 2026

 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET

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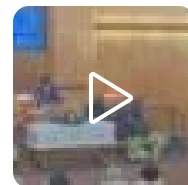
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Mary Hendricks lit a candle in honor of Lee.

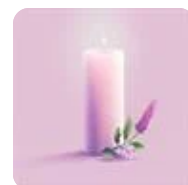
We extend our condolences and prayers to the Hawkins' Family on the passing of Lee Hawkins. May God's love comfort you as you honor and celebrate a life well lived!! Revs. Drs. Bethel and Mary Hendricks

January 28 at 7:22 PM



Vincent Robinson lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 27 at 9:28 AM





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Albert Wu sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Hawkins family.

January 24 at 2:58 PM



Credo Operation Team sent a Pretty Please to the Hawkins family.

January 24 at 2:33 PM



Joyce Smith lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 24 at 1:17 PM



Natasha C lit a candle in honor of Lee.

As long as I can remember, our greeting has always been "What's Up CUZ!" On January 4, 2026, I entered your room with the same... What's Up CUZ!" I received a reality check "SILENCE" Rest In Peace, Lisa

January 22 at 2:51 PM



Anita Leath Jones shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

This is our last group picture with us all. ❤️☐Lee will be miss by Gamma Theta Sigma Philo. Condolences and prayers to her children and family.

January 21 at 3:19 PM



Anthonygwyn Crutcher lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Rest in peace Cuz. You will be greatly missed.--Skip

January 18 at 8:50 PM





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V

Valery Norwood lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 17 at 1:16 PM



GC

Gwyn Crutcher lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Sending waves of comfort and peace to the Hawkins family. She will be missed!

January 15 at 11:46 PM



EJ

Ethel Jones posted:

Lee will surely be missed by the Gamma Theta Sigma Philos of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Lee was a longtime, faithful member and officer. May she rest in peace. We send our heart felt condolences to the family. Ethel Jones

January 10 at 7:09 PM

BB

Beverly Baker lit a candle in honor of Lee.

You will be missed cuz, my heart is heavy to hear that you have left us. RIH ❤️

January 10 at 1:40 PM



DR

Deborah Ragland lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Lee was one of a kind. She will be missed, Rest in peace classmate. Deborah L. Ragland, Howard class of 1963

January 9 at 10:42 PM



EC

Eugene Crutcher lit a candle in honor of Lee.

My Heart is really heavy right now rest in peace Cuz , love you much. Deminger :nerd_face:

January 8 at 5:57 PM





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Jocelyn Bryant lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Members of Gamma Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. send prayers and love.

January 8 at 2:12 PM



Jocelyn Bryant lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Members of Gamma Theta Sigma of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. send our prayers

January 8 at 2:09 PM



Joseph Seay posted:

You will be missed my friend and class mate.

January 8 at 1:28 PM



Linda Leak lit a candle in honor of Lee.

My condolences to Lee's family and friends. LindaLeak

January 8 at 1:18 PM



Rekita Blackmon lit a candle in honor of Lee.

You are definitely one of a kind. We will miss you.

January 7 at 10:19 PM



Patricia Akins lit a candle in honor of Lee.

My condolences and prayers are with the family. 🙏🙏

January 7 at 8:04 PM





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MS

Marcia Smith lit a candle in honor of Lee.

So sorry for your loss. She will be missed.

January 7 at 4:52 PM



GM

Gloria McClendon lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 7 at 10:49 AM



JK

Jacqueline Knight lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 6 at 6:42 PM



JB

Jocelyn Bryant lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Gamma Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

January 6 at 6:32 PM



CB

Carolyn Bailey lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 6 at 3:59 PM



Anita Leath Jones lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 6 at 12:40 AM





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Ethel Jones lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 5 at 8:55 PM



Gloria Patton Griffin lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 5 at 1:26 PM



Marilyn Brown lit a candle in honor of Lee.

January 5 at 8:38 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lee by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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