

Mr. James Haskins

May 4, 1933 - January 6, 2016

Funeral services for Mr. James Haskins, 82, of Henderson, will be held at 11 am on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at First Christian Church with Rev. John Cunyus and Rev. Travis Arden officiating. Interment will follow at Moyers Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10 am until service time on Saturday at the church.

Mr. Haskins passed from this life on January 6, 2016 at Hospice Homeplace in Tyler. He was born May 4, 1933 in the Gum Springs Community of Rusk County to the late Doc and Clifford (Watson) Haskins and lived all of his life in Rusk County. Mr. Haskins graduated from Carlisle High School and later from Kilgore College. James was blessed with a talent for music and began playing piano at an early age. He later attended the Stamps Baxter School of Music and played piano and organ for Ebenezer Baptist Church and later First Christian Church where he was a member . James also worked for Star Wholesale, Western Auto, and as a greeter at Wal-Mart.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son James Stephen Haskins, brother Curtis Haskins, sisters Bertie Mae Hammett and Lillian Lacy, niece, Vivian Ashby, and nephew Dale Lacy.

Survivors include his daughter Sherri Lynne Haskins of Dallas, nieces Yvonne Baldree and husband Hollis of Whitehouse, Debra Kay Bennett and husband Billy of Moriarty, N.M.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church music program.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Moyers Cemetery

CR 468
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

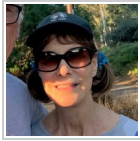
First Christian Church
306 N. Main Street
Henderson, TX 75652

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A note to say how much I love and enjoy Jim Haskins' Cocktail Piano CDs. Their soothing melodies continue to brighten my days...especially during the pandemic. I've collected almost all his available CDs and when wanting to order more, I discovered that Mr. Haskins passed. He was and is a light in my life, and I miss him though we've never met. God speed

Sandy Shaker Policky - June 10, 2021 at 04:00 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



elizabeth buckner - February 22, 2016 at 04:56 PM

LR

“ Just now finding out. ...I am saddened by this. He was a wonderful person. ... a friend that always made my day when I'd see him. Known him since 1977. A positive door greeter at Walmart... I will miss You James ... You rest in peace my friend... <3

Laura Ralston - February 21, 2016 at 10:54 PM

AS

“ James taught me how to play hymns. He was the best in church music. A great teacher.
Anita Maynard Shipp



Anita Maynard Shipp - January 12, 2016 at 10:53 PM

HM

“ Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Hal Martin - January 12, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album James Haskins



Dianne Wylie - January 09, 2016 at 05:22 PM

AK

“ I missed his hugs and smiles after I left Walmart as a door greeter. He had so much musical wisdom and love and friendship to give. I was blessed to know him, Thanks for sharing him with me family.

Ann Howard, Kilgore - January 09, 2016 at 11:05 AM

BM

“ He taught me to play the piano back in middle school and he always saw me at walmart and he shared a hug. He always made me laugh when asking "where's your husband" and he knew I wasn't married yet. I'll miss him dearly. He was the sweetest man I met and I'll always cherish the memories we made.

Bria Morris - January 09, 2016 at 10:21 AM

GW

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with all of you during this sad time.*
Gailya Welch Waller

Gailya Waller - January 09, 2016 at 08:43 AM

SD

“ *James always had a smile,he was a very nice person and he will be missed.*



selma Dillon - January 09, 2016 at 05:13 AM

TH

“ *Tristen And Hannah lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Tristen and Hannah - January 08, 2016 at 09:35 PM

DP

“ *Doug And Tammi Pannell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Doug and Tammi Pannell - January 08, 2016 at 09:34 PM

KB

“ *Kay Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Kay Bateman - January 08, 2016 at 08:38 PM

FF

“ *Faye Strange & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Faye Strange & Family - January 08, 2016 at 08:03 PM

JH

“ *We miss your smile and friendship at Walmart as door greeter. May God be with your family.*



Jack and Barbara Hammett - January 08, 2016 at 04:55 PM

CM

“ *Love you, Uncle James! Give my granddaddy a hug for me! I know you are both up there watching over us now. You are playing your piano and granddad is playing his guitar.*

Chandra Martin - January 08, 2016 at 03:58 PM

CJ

“ *Charvelle Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Charvelle Jones - January 08, 2016 at 03:01 PM

FE

“ *Felicia Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Felicia Evans - January 08, 2016 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ *Your organ playing will be sorely missed. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family.*

Kevin and Shannon Davis



Shannon - January 08, 2016 at 01:05 PM

BM

“ *I especially remember James filling in a couple of times at the piano for our quartet on the radio station at 10 am on Sunday mornings. He could play the song in any key you asked him to. I have remained friends with him ever since. We have lost one of the best all around good men and a brilliant musician.*

*Billy F. Martin
Longview*

Billy F. Martin - January 08, 2016 at 12:45 PM

KI

“ You played the organ at First Christian Church when I start there and always had such joy doing it, you will be miss greatly our church will have a hard time replace you. We will see you again with that smile on your sweet face.

Love Kim Isabell

kisabell - January 08, 2016 at 12:43 PM

DC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of James's passing. He taught me to play the piano so many years ago.
May God be with you and comfort you at this time.

*Delores Berry Crosby
Houston, TX*

Dee Crosby - January 08, 2016 at 12:07 PM

TB

“ Toni Cord Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Toni Cord Barton - January 08, 2016 at 03:38 AM



Cosetta
Johnson

“ You and I talked about singing and I'm sorry we never got to sing together. You gained your wings and play that beautiful music in heaven. RIP James.

Cosetta Johnson - January 07, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ *Nancy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Nancy Brown - January 07, 2016 at 09:49 PM

NG

“ *I will miss you James. I will never forget our playing the piano and organ together at Ebenezer Baptist Church and also the jam sessions at your house playing gospel music. Heaven's orchestra is more beautiful sounding with you playing with them. See you soon!*



Nell Gaston

Nell Gaston - January 07, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DB

“ *Debra Lofton Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Debra Lofton Bryant - January 07, 2016 at 05:11 PM

GA

“ Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Gale Austin - January 07, 2016 at 03:31 PM

DD

“ James, you will be missed my friend. Going back to Carlisle days, and memories of you playing the piano, with Artie Lee & Curtiss Jones singing, etc. - many talks when we would see you at WalMart in later years. My folks Mable & Floyd Francis loved you like family, as I did, and all the Higginbotham girls and families. Tried to get you to teach me how you played, but I could never grasp it - you were a natural, but you tried. RIP and know you are looking down on us with smiles!

Darleen Francis Davis - January 07, 2016 at 02:24 PM

GA

“ As a young child, I was privileged to be taught piano lessons by my cousin James. He was always so patient, but he never let me come to a lesson unprepared. He was a wonderful teacher and piano player, and I can imagine the music that is filling heaven today. He touched so many lives and will always have a special place in my heart.

*Gail Spence Abshire
Beaumont, Texas*

Gail Spence Abshire - January 07, 2016 at 12:59 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album James Haskins



Teresa Cain - January 07, 2016 at 12:24 PM

Mary Kinder

“ Mary Kinder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Mary Kinder - January 07, 2016 at 12:19 PM

BW

“ I flrst met James through his best friend, Dan Young of Henderson. Everytimel saw James he always had a smile and a joke or story to tell me. RIP my friend Brad Watkins



brad watkins - January 07, 2016 at 11:37 AM

PK

“ Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Peggy Keeling - January 07, 2016 at 10:28 AM

PK

“ *Mr. Haskins had such a musical gift, my mom loved to hear him play piano. He was a friendly face at Wal-Mart and will be missed by many*

Peggy Keeling - January 07, 2016 at 10:27 AM

NF

“ *You will be missed! Thanks for the piano lessons. ..you we such a musical energy!*

Natalie Fertitta - January 07, 2016 at 08:57 AM

PB

“ *Paul & Stacey Baird lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Paul & Stacey Baird - January 07, 2016 at 08:08 AM

RK

“ *Ronnie Keith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Ronnie Keith - January 07, 2016 at 07:25 AM

PB

“ *James was a very talented man that knew God. He will be greatly missed.*

Patti Capps Bryan - January 07, 2016 at 07:19 AM



Roberta Vallantyne

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Roberta Vallantyne - January 07, 2016 at 06:41 AM



JG

“ *Jack F. Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Jack F. Gainey - January 07, 2016 at 06:09 AM



JB

“ *Jeff Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Jeff Brown - January 07, 2016 at 12:59 AM



RB

“ *Will miss you dearly the talks we had about music and you showing me your Organs
RIP Mr. Haskett*

Ronnie and Marcelynn Bell - January 07, 2016 at 12:09 AM

PG

“ James I thank you for your smile and friendship. You will be missed. Best people greeter



pamela gossett - January 06, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ Darren Blanton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Darren Blanton - January 06, 2016 at 10:41 PM

JW

“ Julia Whitehead Warden lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Julia Whitehead Warden - January 06, 2016 at 10:31 PM

JW

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JULIA WHITEHEAD WARDEN - January 06, 2016 at 10:28 PM



Roberta Vallantyne

“ *My prayers are with James' family and close friends. I worked with him at Wal-Mart. What a gentleman. May you know he is watching over each of you. Those dearest to James know many people are praying for each of you. God bless each of you.*

Roberta Vallantyne - January 06, 2016 at 09:31 PM



YD

“ *James was one of our best Wal-Mart people greeters in Henderson. He has gone now to join some of the other one's that left me many memories. James, you were a great friend.*



Yvonne (Baird) Dunlap - January 06, 2016 at 09:16 PM



Sarah Bento

“ *Sarah Bento lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Sarah Bento - January 06, 2016 at 08:51 PM



SL

“ *RIP James. You've earned your rest on that high mountain. Your cheerful smile, good nature and kindness will be greatly missed by the many folks whose lives you brightened.*


Sally Lewis - January 06, 2016 at 08:38 PM

 Misty Brown

“ *Misty Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Misty Brown - January 06, 2016 at 08:34 PM

 Misty Brown

“ *I worked with James at Wal-Mart and he used to call me his favorite CSM. He was always such a delight to be around. He will be missed dearly.*

Misty Brown - January 06, 2016 at 08:34 PM

KH

“ *Prayers to his family and everyone that knew him. He was a very kind person with a good heart.*



Karla H. - January 06, 2016 at 08:20 PM

 Michelle Nelson

“ *Michelle Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Michelle Nelson - January 06, 2016 at 08:10 PM

MA

“ *It was always a special treat to hear James play the piano at Sardis Baptist Church (including a few of our own family occasions). He was always a delight to be around and will be truly missed.*

Mardra Ashby and Sid Ashby - January 06, 2016 at 07:54 PM



“ *Tammy Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Tammy Bearden - January 06, 2016 at 07:35 PM

DO

“ *Debra Odum lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins*



Debra odum - January 06, 2016 at 07:27 PM

TG

“ *James was one of the best neighbors a person could ask for, he was a good friend and was a Grandfather figure for my kids, whenever I return to Henderson I always looked him up, R.I.P. Godd Neighbor.*



Tom Gossett - January 06, 2016 at 07:05 PM

Kathy
Finley

“ Kathy Finley lit a candle in memory of Mr.
James Haskins



Kathy Finley - January 06, 2016 at 06:55 PM

KF

“ Kathy Finley lit a candle in memory of Mr.
James Haskins



Kathy Finley - January 06, 2016 at 06:47 PM

JS

“ At rest, and playing for his Heavenly Father.
Jerry & Karen Smith.



Jerry & Karen Smith - January 06, 2016 at 06:10 PM

JL

“ Judy Ashby Lewis lit a candle in memory of
Mr. James Haskins



Judy Ashby Lewis - January 06, 2016 at 04:29 PM

TC

“ Teresa Cain lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Teresa Cain - January 06, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ Mr. James was such a wonderful man!
I'm going to miss him so much.
Wal-Mart's best door greeter!
RIP dear James.
Thank you so much for all the wonderful smiles and the friendship.

Christy Carrizoza - January 06, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ Christy Carrizoza lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Christy Carrizoza - January 06, 2016 at 01:46 PM

RC

“ Rhonda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Rhonda Calhoun - January 06, 2016 at 01:28 PM

MP

“ Marie Pierson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Marie Pierson - January 06, 2016 at 12:25 PM

DG

“ Deana Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Deana Griffith - January 06, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ Will Miss Seeing Our Wal Mart Door Greeter! Always Had a Smile and James Will be Missed By Many!



Sue Thompson - January 06, 2016 at 11:01 AM

SN

“ Sherry Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Haskins



Sherry Nichols - January 06, 2016 at 10:18 AM