



Charles T. "Chuck" Harkins, Jr.

January 8, 1947 - January 10, 2026

Charles T. "Chuck" Harkins, Jr., was born to Bertha Jones and Charles T. Harkins, Sr. of Columbus, Mississippi, on January 8, 1947, and passed away in Louisville, Mississippi, on Saturday, January 10, 2026, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 3:30 at the Chapel of Memories at Mississippi State University.

Chuck graduated S. D. Lee High School in Columbus in 1965 and he received his Bachelor degree in Business from Mississippi State University in 1969. He dedicated 40 years of his life to a successful career in manufacturing management, where he was known for his strong work ethic, leadership, and commitment to excellence. During his early retirement, he enjoyed serving in local mission efforts with First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Chuck was an avid Mississippi State University fan and proudly supported the Bulldogs. He inherited his love of dogs from his father, a devotion that remained with him throughout his life; his beloved dog was his constant companion and brought him great joy. Chuck enjoyed listening to music, but above all, his pride and joy were his grandchildren, whom he dearly loved.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Karla Hatcher Harkins of Louisville; and two sons, Paul J. Harkins (Kelsi) of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Matthew T. Harkins (Stephanie) of Gulfport, Mississippi. One of his greatest joys was being "Big Daddy" to his seven grandchildren: Laurel Anne Davis

(Harrison), Mary McKenna Harkins, Lynn Elise Harkins, Holland Rose Askew (Hunter), Ava Riley Harkins, Houston Harkins, and Jackson Harkins. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Beth Cunningham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; as well as his loving nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests that memorial gifts in honor of Chuck be given to either the PanCAN (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network) online at pancan.org or to First Presbyterian Church, 116 North 12th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or to Middleton Cemetery Fund, c/o Sandra Holdiness, 626 Middleton Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

Our family would like to thank the physicians and staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital, as well as the nursing staff and volunteers at Quality Hospice for their support and care during this time.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 3:30 PM (CT)

Chapel of Memories
Mississippi State University
Starkville, Mississippi 39759

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ Steven Warren and Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Charles T. "Chuck" Harkins, Jr..



Steven Warren and Family - February 13 at 11:38 AM

TC

“ TLC Sunday School Class planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles T. "Chuck" Harkins, Jr..

TLC Sunday School Class - January 13 at 10:06 AM

TC

“ TLC Sunday School Class purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Charles T. "Chuck" Harkins, Jr..



TLC Sunday School Class - January 13 at 10:06 AM

DT

“ I am terribly sorry to learn of Chuck's passing. We worked together while he was with Emerson in St. Louis on a quite a number of different projects. I found him to a remarkable person of intellect and integrity and also as a good friend. All the best to his family and friends. Doug Toth

Douglas Toth - January 12 at 03:03 PM

IB

“ *Karla and family, I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Praying that your memories will carry you through this most difficult time.*

Inga

Inga Bass - January 11 at 09:52 PM

SE

“ *The Edmondson family, Hank, Susan, Nancy, Teena and Becky send sincere condolences. Our cousin Chuck was a very special man and we pray that God will be with his family during this time of loss.*

susan Edmondson - January 11 at 05:03 PM

WA

“ *The Atkins family, Bill and Ellie, would like to extend our deepest condolences to the entire Harkins family. We understand your grief and encourage you to reach to God for peace and comfort during this difficult time*



william Atkins - January 11 at 04:49 PM

DS

Milton and Donna Seymour sending our love to you and the family. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time ❤️

Dinna Seymour - January 12 at 08:52 AM

DO

Karla, so sorry to hear about Chuck! Memories will be in my thoughts. Love Doretta Hile

Doretta - January 12 at 09:55 AM

CM

My prayers go out to his family. Chuck was a great Guy..

charles mckellar - January 12 at 10:57 AM

DD

My sincere condolences to Karla and the family. Chuck and I were High School classmates of the class of 1965 . We were also football teammates for the Lee High Generals which were some fond memories as we achieved Winn the North Big 8 championship. Chuck was an offensive lineman and a leader for this team . I remember him fondly and was thankful for his friendship. God bless this fine and faithful man

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Doug Dale - February 19 at 09:04 AM