



## Norman R. Hawkins

January 18, 1925 - February 20, 2021

### Obituary

Born January 18, 1925 in Jefferson, TX to Price and Luticia Hawkins. Norman was the youngest of 3 children. He had 2 sisters of that union - Tequilla Dixon of Oakland, CA and Mary Crudup of Lawton, OK. He also had 2 brothers on his father's side of the family – Robert Hawkins of Tyler, TX, and Price Hawkins, Jr. of Dallas, TX. His parents and siblings all preceded him in death.

Norman joined the Army when he was 20 years old. He moved to Northern California in his early 20s. He married Coradah Godley and unto this union his only child was born. He worked as a civilian at the Naval Army base where he retired after 30 years. During retirement, he worked several part-time jobs off and on to keep busy. Once he was a clerk at a beauty supply store (they loved him being there because he was punctual and dependable). He also worked for an airport rental car company, where the young employees jokingly called him an old fossil (that always made him laugh). He was a member of the Friends of Allensworth State Historic Park, a black community in California named after the founder who was a black colonel. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, watching sports (especially baseball), and playing the tour guide whenever family and friends visited from out of town.

In 2011, he moved to Missouri to live with his daughter and her family. In

2016, he was registered in the Veterans Affairs Foster Care Home Program which allowed him to live in a house with 2 other veterans and receive wonderful care from his caregivers. He was also enrolled in an adult day care program, which he attended regularly and was able to participate in several activities and day trips.

He was a devoted and doting father. He was very generous, loved to offer help so he could be useful, and loved sharing stories about his past. He leaves his family and friends with a wealth of memories and tons of catchphrases (“nutty as a goody”, ”let’s went”, “remarkable”, “don’t get your back dirty”, “flying low”, and many more) that made them smile.

Norman departed this life on February 20, 2021. He was 96 years old, the oldest living patriarch of a large maternal family. He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter Greta Nash (Dennis, Sr.) of Lee’s Summit, MO; two grandsons - Dennis Nash, Jr. (Chvinda) of Independence, MO and Christian Nash of Kansas City, MO; two great-grandsons, Dennis Nash III and Anthony Nash; many nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be missed by his loved ones.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 28, 2021, at Lawrence A Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Interment will be held at a later time. Due to COVID-19 masks are required. Services provided by Lawrence A Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels.

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