



Mrs. Martha L. Hawkins

April 4, 1938 - February 23, 2026

Martha Louise Hawkins (née Moore), aged 87, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026, in Lenox, Massachusetts. Born on April 4, 1938, in Jackson County, North Carolina, Martha lived a life marked by kindness, resilience, and an unwavering love for her family.

Martha grew up in North Carolina and graduated from Cullowhee High School in 1955. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1960 from Berea College in Kentucky, where she met her husband, Rupert Samuel Hawkins. Martha and Sam were married in 1960 and lived in Tallahassee, Florida, before moving to Bedford, Massachusetts, where they settled and raised a family.

Martha was a public health nurse in Appalachia, and later the head nurse of the surgical daycare unit at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Massachusetts. She was also a nursing supervisor at the Carlton-Willard Village, a retirement community in Bedford. Her career as a nurse reflected her compassionate nature and commitment to helping others.

She taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church in Bedford, and later became an active member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC, before moving to Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Those who knew her always remarked on her pleasant demeanor, friendliness, and sense of

humor. She possessed an innate gift for connection, was instantly likable, easy to get to know, generous with wise counsel, and always ready to share a laugh.

Martha was a loving sister to her two siblings, Annette and Charles, and the proud mother of three children, David, Michael, and Susan. She cherished her role as a grandmother to Jacob, Jackson, Charles, Emily, Annika, Ashley, and Bethany. Her family was the cornerstone of her life, and she found immense joy in their accomplishments and presence.

Martha's legacy is one of connection, warmth, and shared laughter. Her memory will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Tribute Wall



“ *David, Michael and Susan The eulogy you gave your mother in the Bedford Citizen beautifully expresses her. She still is an inspiration. We are sorry your family is suffering a great loss. As are we.*

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“ *Michael and Susan, I absolutely remember both of you being in my Center School Class. Your mother was always great to visit with on parent visitations days. Please keep me posted when other events to honor your mother pop up. I am truly sorry to hear such sad news. My feelings are with you during this time as well.*

*Sincerely,
Ralph Hammond*

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