



Rev. James R. Hockensmith

December 5, 1926 - September 4, 2015

Rev. James R. Hockensmith age 88 of Sumiton, went home to be with the Lord on Friday September 4, 2015. He was a retired Church of God minister; a graduate of Lee College in Cleveland, TN, where he earned his Master's Degree from the School of Theology; He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Funeral services will be Monday September 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Sumiton Church of God. The family will receive friends from 4:30-6 pm at the church. Burial will be at New Horizon Memorial Gardens in Dora on Tuesday at 10:00 am.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Betty J. Hockensmith; son, Stephen Hockensmith; and his granddaughter, Rana Hockensmith.

Survivors include his children, James "Randy" Hockensmith, Jr. (Debra) of Dora, Deborah Nix (Curtis) of Tuscaloosa, Rhoda Peoples (Jeff) of Hoover and Valerie Kiser of Kannapolis, NC; grandchildren, Heather (Jody), Hannah, Justin (Julie), David, Katelyn (Marc), Caroline, Sara, Stephen, Seth, Shea, Brad, Lindsey (Josh); great-grandchildren, Micah, Matthew, Emma, Joe, Maddix, Joshua, Jacquelyn, Jaden, Jackson, Cooper and Skyler; brother, Don Hockensmith (Cindy) of Irvine, CA; sister, Aileene Britton of Richmond, VA; several other relatives and a host of friends.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.

Dora, AL 35062

(205) 648-8749

<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James R. Hockensmith*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Debbie*

*I know your family has lost a great man, father, grandfather, uncle and a godly man. It saddens me the Church of God has lost such a great man of valor and strong faith in God. Jesus called him home and he is rejoicing with Jesus and other saints gone on before to heaven. Look unto the hills from whence cometh you help, your help cometh from the Lord. God bless and keep and keep you during the next few months of sorrow, read the Bible and stay close to the Lord is my prayer for your family because he cares for you.
Barbara Thompson, Pauline Jarvis Missildine*

Barbara Thompson - September 08, 2015 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ Dear Debby and family,
My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time .
Your Father, Reverend Hockinsmith, was one of the kindest and most compassionate Christian Man. You are all so very blessed to have shared your lives with such a remarkable person.
I will always remember the sweet, memorable and loving way he joined my daughter, Julie and your son, Justin in Holy Matrimony on October 26, 2002 and the beautiful and joyful celebration with your family members.
Your Father also played a special part in the lives of Julie and Justin when he drove all the way from Alabama to Louisville, Kentucky to be with all of us , pray over little Jackson before her surgery.
May God bring special comfort and consolation to your family and know that your Father's beautiful voice is now blending with the angels and saints praising Our Heavenly Father..
My prayers and love to you all,
Angel

Mrs. Angel Kuhlman - September 07, 2015 at 02:47 PM

 Lana
Vinson

“ Dear Valerie and family,
Please know I am lifting the Hockensmith family up in prayer. So sad for your loss. I have always heard great things about your daddy. I know he is happy to see the awesome God, he served for so long. God bless all of you.

Lana Vinson - September 06, 2015 at 09:49 PM

Lana
Vinson

“ Lana Vinson lit a candle in memory of Rev.
James R. Hockensmith



Lana Vinson - September 06, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ Chequita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev.
James R. Hockensmith



Chequita Taylor - September 06, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ Brother Hockensmith was not just a pastor but a friend prayer
warrior and no matter where you saw him he had a smile on his
face and kind word.

Chequita Taylor - September 06, 2015 at 07:13 PM

RO

“ Brother Hockensmith was my favorite pastor, a great man of God.
Prayers to family.

Roger Otts - September 06, 2015 at 05:03 PM

JG

“ My Dad, AJ Grammer loved this man

Jerry Grammer - September 06, 2015 at 01:47 AM

JM

“ JT And Carol Morgan lit a candle in memory of Rev. James R. Hockensmith



JT and Carol Morgan - September 05, 2015 at 08:25 PM

Tracie Davis Hubbard

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Tracie Davis Hubbard - September 05, 2015 at 07:28 PM

TN

“ Tresda Neff lit a candle in memory of Rev. James R. Hockensmith



Tresda Neff - September 05, 2015 at 06:28 PM

TN

Heaven's gain is the world's loss. Rev. Hockensmith was a wonderful man of God. Prayers for God's comfort during your time of loss.

Tresda Neff - September 05, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.

Joey Aderholt - September 05, 2015 at 04:47 PM

SD

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your Dad was a wonderful Pastor. Love your family!*
Sandy and Mike Dooley

Sandy and Mike Dooley - September 05, 2015 at 03:57 PM

SC

“ *Shelbie Corley lit a candle in memory of Rev. James R. Hockensmith*



Shelbie Corley - September 05, 2015 at 11:28 AM