



George Edward Hawke

February 3, 1960 - September 9, 2023

George Edward Hawke, 63, of Towanda, Pennsylvania, died suddenly on Saturday, September 9, 2023. George was born at the Robert Packer Hospital, in Sayre, PA, on February 3, 1960. He was the son of the late Dr. Harry Leroy Hawke and the late Mary Alice Jennings Hawke of Towanda.

George was hard-working and very well-liked, with many friends. He grew up in Towanda, PA and he was baptized and confirmed at Christ Episcopal Church, Towanda. He was in the final kindergarten class held in the old Towanda Kindergarten building located on Maple Street. The building was a former horse stable owned by his great-grandfather, Cortez Hicks Jennings, who donated it to the town for public use. It is now the Towanda Public Library's Carriage House Children's Library. George was a 1978 graduate of Towanda Area High School, and he was a member of the Track & Field team in his junior and senior years.

George attended Penn State University, Hazelton Campus and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. He began his sports writing career during those years. George wrote for the Mansfield University newspaper, The Flashlight, and he was a DJ for the Mansfield University radio station, WNTE. While at Mansfield, George was a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

To pursue his career as a sportswriter, he relocated to southern California,

where he began covering golf and other sports, which led to his employment with the Indio Daily News and Golf Digest. His time in the Palm Springs area gave George considerable experience and contacts in the sports world. In 1988, George returned east, and he was hired by The Star Gazette, in Elmira, NY, where he took up residence. He covered both local and national sporting events, and he became a respected leader in his field. He made friends with numerous Nascar drivers and golf professionals in both the PGA and the LPGA. Over the years, he contributed numerous stories to The Daily Review, in Towanda, PA.

Subsequently, George was employed by The Leader, in Corning, NY. George won two Associated Press awards for his sports coverage. USA Today newspaper picked up a number of George's stories, giving him further national coverage. One of his stories was featured on ESPN television network. George also established and published his own newspaper for a period of time.

In the intervening years, George was employed in several occupations in New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

George had a special love for animals, especially cats. He also had interests in music, classic cars, and history, but his greatest interest was sports. As a boy, his favorite teams were the Washington Senators in baseball and the Oakland Raiders in football. He greatly admired Senators' star, Frank Howard, whom George later had the opportunity to meet and interview. Later, he became a follower of the Philadelphia Phillies, as well as Nascar, Penn State Nittany Lions football, and professional golf. George was an avid reader of sports and news, among various other subjects.

George is survived by two sons: Michael M. Hawke, of Ithaca, NY, and Steven H. Hawke, of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also survived by a sister, Nancy

H. Bomboy, of Towanda, PA; two brothers, Dr. David B. (Debra) Hawke, of Blythewood, SC, and James L. Hawke, of Longmont, CO; two nieces, Michelle E. (Brian) Knight of Shavertown, PA, and Erin L. (David) Brown of Stevensville, PA, and several cousins. In addition to his parents, George was predeceased by his brother, Paul Jennings Brennan, and his nephew, Adam David Hawke.

A funeral service will be held at the Community Alliance Church, 27 Alliance Lane, Towanda, PA, on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., with a dinner to follow. Interment will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Towanda Public Library, Towanda, PA, and the Bradford County Humane Society, Ulster, PA.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Alliance Church
27 Alliance Lane
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ George Edward Hawke

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ George Edward Hawke

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ George Edward Hawke

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ George Edward Hawke

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ George Edward Hawke

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Just heard of George's (Geo as we knew him at Mansfield) passing. My prayers to all his family. Geo was passionate about his friends and fraternity brothers and while others remember him as the life of the party, when the rubber hit the road, Geo had serious and industrious sides too and that dichotomy is what I'll remember. So long brother, you'll be missed.
Jim Smith Mansfield U and Sigma Tau Gamma brother.*

Jim Smith - October 03, 2023 at 04:53 AM

RL

“ I’m so sorry to hear of George’s passing, and I’m especially sorry that the world has lost such a great person. Although I hadn’t seen him in several decades, I have strong memories of the young George, both from high school and from college (Mansfield) where we ran into each other frequently. At that time – and I’m sure for the rest of his life -- he was a bright, buoyant, optimistic, effervescent person. He was one who made everyone happy when he entered the room, and he always radiated a “really-good-guy, wouldn’t-hurt-a-fly” personality. I’m sorry that I hadn’t seen him in so many years, but I’m also grateful for the impact he made on me, and I’m sure on countless other lucky people. The world is a better place because it had George in it. My deepest condolences go out to George’s family, friends, and neighbors.

Very sincerely,
Robin Linaberry
(TAHS Class of '78)

Robin L Linaberry - September 29, 2023 at 10:56 AM

RJ

“ Dear Nancy, David, and Jimmy, My family loved your family. How could we not? The neighborhood kids - the Hawkes, Jolly's, Hubbards, Shaws - playing kick the can, riding bikes on the driveway, so many fun memories of those years long ago. Did George ever know a stranger? His big personality which was so open and welcoming. His warmth of personality. It always shone through. Bill and Bart, the Hawke kids, the Shaw kids...what a crew! I'm so sorry George has passed away. 63 seems so young. Well, he lived his life and those of us who knew him - even so many years ago for me - think of him with a smile. I send my deepest sympathy to you and yours. I'll always think of him with a smile. We were kids a long time ago. I send heartfelt condolences to you all. With love,
Ruth Jolly

Ruth Jolly - September 22, 2023 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ To Nancy and family, I was saddened to hear of George's passing. Sending my love and condolences. May your many memories of good times shared sustain you through this sad time.

Michele Strohl - September 22, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JJ

“ So sorry for your loss



Jeannie and jim johnson - September 22, 2023 at 04:50 AM

TA

“ Geo...as we knew him by in Mansfield, was hard not to like. He had a great sense of humor, loved his music and was the life of the party. He will be greatly missed by those who truly knew him. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and brothers at Sigma Tau Gamma. I wish I could be closer to attend his memorial, but it simply isn't possible. Sincerely....-Tate

Tate - September 20, 2023 at 02:09 PM

BJ

“ Godspeed my friend.

Bill Jolly - September 18, 2023 at 01:13 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family.
(((Jimmy, Nancy)))*



Claire Holton-Lizon - September 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DK

“ *1 file added to the album geo*



Don King - September 17, 2023 at 07:19 PM

JS

Joe Minelli, another Sig Tau brother at Mansfield

Jim Smith - October 03, 2023 at 08:37 AM

DK

“ *1 file added to the album tribute wall*



Don King - September 17, 2023 at 07:15 PM

TA

“ To George’s Siblings and Family,
I was sorry to read of George’s passing at a young age. I remember him from elementary school and enjoyed running into him as an adult. He was smart and very articulate. He and his siblings are a real credit to his upbringing. I send my love and prayers to his family.

Tom Abell - September 16, 2023 at 11:38 AM

NB

Thank you Tom

Nancy Bomboy - September 21, 2023 at 09:59 PM