



James Arlin Hawkins, DVM

October 30, 1936 - March 21, 2016

James Arlin Hawkins, DVM, 79 of Sarasota, FL passed away Monday, March 21, 2016.

Arlin was born October 30, 1936 in Sarasota, FL the son of the late Lewis H. "Buck" and Viola (Selph)Hawkins.

Survivors include his wife Carol of 45 years, two daughters, Jennifer Hawkins-Dyrda and husband Jason Dyrda and Caryn Ashley Hawkins, grandchildren, Brett, Tobi and Cooper Dyrda and his beloved dog Angus.

Arlin graduated from Sarasota High School in 1955. As a young man, Arlin played fast pitch soft ball all over the state of Florida. After graduating from high school, he then attended and graduated from the University of Florida. After graduation from the University of Florida he attended the University of Georgia's School of Veterinary Medicine where he graduated in 1963.

In 1963 Arlin opened Hawkins Veterinary Clinic where he worked until his retirement in 1993. Arlin's veterinary practice was widespread; he loved taking care of large and small animals, including exotics, the dolphins at Floridaland and numerous circus animals including, lions, tigers and bears and even a rhino. He loved and cared for them all and had a particular fondness for large cats.

After retiring he devoted all of his time to cattle ranching. Arlin was past president of the Sarasota Cattleman's Association and chairman of the board of zoning and appeals for Sarasota Co. He enjoyed calf roping and loved spending time with his family fishing in the Florida Key's.

A visitation for Arlin will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday at the Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know this until I did an on line search. Very sorry. Always enjoy the visits from 'The Florida Folks' He was a good cousin and Uncle Buck and Aunt Viola were too. Miss them all.....Ren Summerlin

Ren Summerlin - November 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Arlin will be missed very much by our family. Two generations of Hazeltine's showed Hawkin's steers . We are so grateful for the help that Arlin and Carol always gave to both of us ,our sons and our projects. As adults we came to know Arlin as a friend with long talks on the porch about life, work and family. We are certain he has met up with Dad and they are having a grand time talking about fishing and the good old days. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol and the entire Hawkins Family. Stephen & Michelle Hazeltine

Stephen & Michelle Hazeltine - March 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM