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James Milton Harkins, 81, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2025. Known for his steady presence, sharp wit, and unwavering work ethic, James Milton left behind a legacy defined by perseverance and principle.

Born on September 3, 1943, James Milton spent more than 50 years behind the wheel as a professional truck driver—a role he embraced with pride and professionalism. He had a gift for conversation, a deep knowledge of the road, and a story for every stop along the way.

He was a proud member of the Lena Masonic Lodge and earned the distinction of 33rd Degree Master Mason, a reflection of his lifelong commitment to service and tradition.

James Milton was preceded in death by his parents, James W. and Mildred Harkins, and his brother, Gary S.

“Butch” Harkins.

He is survived by his wife, Regenia Harkins of Lena. They would have celebrated 36 years of marriage on July

15. He is also survived by his children, Jim (Sherri) Harkins of Fruitland, MD; Mary Margaret Tuttle (Shane) of

Brandon; and Georgia Kountouris (Michael) of Madison; his siblings, George Harkins (Suzanne) of Berlin, MD, and Sara Beth Rawson (Pee Wee) of Carthage. He was a proud grandfather to six grandchildren and a great-grandfather to three.

A memorial service will be held at McDonald Church (5379 Utah Rd., Lena, MS 39094) at a date to be determined, with details to be announced via social media.

James Milton will be remembered for his loyal friendship, quiet strength, and the way he made people feel at ease—whether on the road or around the table.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the McDonald Cemetery Fund, c/o Kim Latham, 1823 McDonald Rd., Lena, MS 39094

****UPDATE:** The family of James Milton Harkins will welcome friends at McDonald Church (5379 Utah Rd, Lena, MS 39094) on Sunday, August 3rd from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm with the service immediately to follow.