



## Russell Thomas Haines

April 2, 1940 - April 21, 2025

Russell Thomas Haines, known fondly as Russ, passed away on April 21, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy Donaghy-Haines.

Russ graduated from East Union Center High School in Wells County, Indiana. After school, he worked for REMC and Indiana Bell before proudly serving his country in the US Army First Cavalry in Korea.

In 1967, Russ and his wife Nancy relocated from Indiana to Tallahassee, Florida, where he established a successful Mobile Home Service Repair business. Throughout his career, Russ rebuilt and repaired over 200 mobile homes, later starting his own mobile home park and heating/air conditioning business. His expertise in construction also led him to oversee the building of two local banks.

A man of many passions, Russ was a longtime member of the American Antique Automobile Club. He meticulously restored numerous vintage vehicles. His 1929 Chevrolet and 1917 Haynes restorations earned national recognition. Russ also actively participated in the Florida Artists Blacksmith Association and was a dedicated member of the Dixie Flywheelers and Deep South Gas and Stream Engine Club.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Ella Haines, and

his brother, Chester Haines.

In addition to his wife Nancy, he is survived by their children, Dewayne Haines and Peggy Haines; his grandson, Vincent Haines and wife Naomi; his sister, Margaret "Marge" Blair – husband Darrel; and many other loving relatives and host of friends who will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life to offer prayers, share memories and stories will be held on Saturday, May 31st, 2025, between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM at Calvary Tabernacle Church, located at 6165 Blountstown Hwy, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Tabernacle Church  
6165 Blountstown Highway  
Tallahassee, FL 32310

# Tribute Wall



“ *I will never forget the ride Russ gave me in his Haines automobile and will always remember his joy*

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