

## Biographical

Bryan L. Dawkins, Sept. 5, 1964-D.O.B. / South Carolina-P.O.B.

graduated: 1983 / high school: Paul M. Dorman in Spartanburg, SC

brief stint at Benedict College in Columbia, SC - 1983 - 1984.

Attended Brandywine Beauty Academy in Wilmington, DE 1984-85,

received my cosmetology license for the state of Delaware.

Worked as a project manager, for Hugh George Company and

Advance Office Environments in Wilmington, DE.

Open my own hair salon in 1992, "Good Works Beauty and Barber Salon" 819 East 28<sup>th</sup> St., Wilmington, DE 19802.

As sole proprietor, I maintained operations for ten (10) years.

until 2002, until my incarceration Oct. 22, 2002.

One daughter born Oct. 1992, one son born Jan. 16, 1996.

Married in Dec. 1999. My wife Stacey was my unfortunate victim.

I was a Lion's Club member, Wilmington Gateway 22D.

My interests are: animals, tennis, golf, disc golf,  
volleyball, poetry and much more.

Most of my family is in South Carolina. My mother  
and brother are the only relatives in Delaware.

# Unsung Hero

This brief article is entirely true, and dedicated to a man, who happens to be incarcerated.

At James T. Vaughn Correctional Center Smyrna, DE, Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 an inmate collapsed in the gym while playing basketball. Initially his fellow inmates thought that he was joking. But quickly realized, the situation was deadly serious.

Unbeknownst to all parties, the sequence of miraculous acts of bravery and compassion that followed were unforeseen.

As the fifty-two year old man (inmate) lay dying or deceased on the gymnasium floor, concerns for him grew rapidly as the crowd swelled and gathered all around. An inmate, known to be a friend to the man, knelt by his

side, repeatedly calling out his name, urgency reverberating in his voice. The friend yelled out in panic, "he's not breathing, call a code!" C.O. Cole swiftly made his assessment of the situation, called a medical code, and secured the gym, occupied by approximately eighty inmates.

Simultaneously, another inmate, Bryan L. Dawkins, was stirred into action by his humanitarianism, and empathy. Dawkins rushed to lend aid to the fallen man, motionless and not breathing on the gym floor, surrounded by worried inmates unaware of what to do.

Dawkins, now kneeling on the floor next to the man's left, checked for a pulse on the neck. There was none. He then checked for a pulse on the wrist. There was none. Without any further delay, inmate Dawkins began administering C.P.R. on his fellow inmate. First mouth-to-mouth and

then chest compressions, attempting to resuscitate the deceased man. Inmate Bryan L. Dawkins instructed C/O Cole how to perform chest compressions, while he gave mouth-to-mouth and in concert, they provided C.P.R. reviving the heart attack victim four times, while awaiting the professional medical team to arrive.

The fifty-two year old heart attack victim survived, Thanks in large part to an unsung hero, a mere inmate, a man named Bryan L. Dawkins.

unfortunate victim: Roy Alford

C/O correction officer: Adam Cole, Neal, Vandunk (witnesses)

Lt. Farrington, Lt. Smith (witnesses)

medical employee: Dr. Edward M. Hendricks (witness)  
currently in Georgetown, DE (302) 856-4120

Inmate Roy Alford had open chest surgery, triple by-pass with over 90% blockage to three arteries. He still lives today and continues to be thankful to his fellow inmate, the unsung hero.

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