



Floyd "Hoppy" Hopkins

November 28, 1935 - January 22, 2026

Floyd "Hoppy" Hopkins, age 90, of Murphysboro, passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

He was born on November 28, 1935 to Bill and Lula (Cook) Foster in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Hoppy was a well-known local meat cutter at Alden's Market and Charlie's Market both in Murphysboro. He then went to work at Southern Illinois University as a supervisor in building maintenance. He had also sold cemetery property for Murdale Gardens of Memory years ago. Hoppy was a veteran of the United States Navy, a member of the local Lions Club and had coached 4-H softball in years past.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Patricia "Pat" Hopkins; daughters, Tamarra "Tammi" (John) Williams and Durice (Rick) Runge; five grandchildren, Brian (Heather), Jeremy, Ashley, Travis (Rachel), and Madison (Matt); five great-grandchildren, Lexy, Rylee, Alex, Aidan, and Logan; sister, Alice (Butch) Ferrill; brother, George; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Andy Hopkins; sisters, Rosie Hamilton and Dora Fricke; and two sisters who passed in infancy.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 12:00 PM with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Entombment will follow the service at Murdale Gardens of Memory Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Wrightway Animal Rescue.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
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Funeral Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Entombment

FEB 3. 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Hoppy was my boss when I was student at SIU. Always kind, and smiling. I remember him telling me that “How Great Thou Art” was his favorite hymn. This was 30 years ago. He was a great guy!!!

Larry Jackson - April 11 at 06:55 AM

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“ Hoppy was my Amway guy...RIP. Carry on his kindness...Pat, Durice, Tammy, Ashley Madison, I can't make it to the service. Love you all

Cheryl Rose - February 03 at 01:34 PM

CC

“ I don't believe I ever met a finer person in my life than Floyd Hopkins. It was my pleasure to have worked with Hoppy at both Alden's and Charlie's market while in high school and attending SIU. I never witnessed an angry word or action from him. He was always friendly and kind to everyone. The world was a better place because Hoppy was in it. I only wish that I could be more like him. I will miss seeing and talking with him as I have many times over the years. Deeply sorry for your loss Pat, Tammi, Durice and family.
Clarence Cochran

Clarence Cochran - January 31 at 01:14 PM



“ Hoppy was one of the very first smiling faces that I met many many years ago when I rented an apartment in a house across from Charlie’s Market. That was almost 50 years ago. I would walk across the street, almost daily, to pick up an item and to see Charlie and Hoppy’s smiling faces. Fast forward 25 years and I had the pleasure of knowing Pat and Hoppy many years later as their grandchildren and my children were close in age. Mostly through those children, I became good friends with Tammi and Durice as well. Pat and Hoppy never missed an event, especially the band competitions, and the musical performances. His devotion to his family and his kind smile will never be forgotten. May memories of a long life well lived comfort his family and bring them peace.

Patty Gilmore - January 29 at 10:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Floyd "Hoppy" Hopkins.



January 26 at 06:41 PM



“ Tammi, Durice, Pat, and family, you have my deepest sympathy for your loss. No words can take away the grief you feel. God bless you all and give you peace. 🙏❤️

Suzie Naegele - January 26 at 03:00 PM

SJ

“Floyd will be greatly missed by the staff at Murphysboro Smile Design. He always made us smile, and was such a sweet, genuine soul. Rest in peace our dear friend, and thank you for making the world a better place.

Shalane Jones - January 26 at 10:52 AM