



Odes "Hoppy" E. Hopkins

July 1, 1923 - July 4, 2012

Odes E. "Hoppy" Hopkins, 89, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2012, at Pettett Funeral Home with Troy Humphreys officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, where memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. or to the Berean Christian Church in Murphysboro. Gravesite services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012, at the Cowan Cemetery with military services conducted by the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Team. For more information, please visit our website at www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Odes was born on July 1, 1923, to Otha M. Hopkins and Stella (Barrett) Hopkins, in Lowndes, Missouri, where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army during both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Odes was well known as "Hoppy".

He worked at Allen Industries in Herrin for twenty-nine years, and later retired from SIU-C.

Mr. Hopkins was a member of the Berean Christian Church in Murphysboro, and a member of the V.F.W. Post # 7190.

In 2005, he married Gloria McRoberts in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include two step daughters Loretta Spellmeyer of Columbia, MO and Marcia Chew of DeSoto;

two step sons J. E. Hebert of Louisiana and Greg McRoberts of Murphysboro;

eight grandchildren Mary Frances, Cindy, Jeffrey, David, Michelle, Austin, Scott, and Nick;

several great grandchildren;

two brothers Gene Hopkins of Cottage Hills, IL and Bill Hopkins of St. Charles, MO; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary in May of 2000, two brothers Bob and Dale, one sister Helen, one sister in infancy, and his parents.

The family of Odes "Hoppy" Hopkins wishes to thank the general public, who frequently saluted and thanked Hoppy for his service to our country! They also wish to thank Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc., the Marion VAMC, and the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County for all their help, care, and comfort!

Tribute Wall



“ Odes "Hoppy" E. Hopkins

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ We are truly saddened by Hoppy's passing. We can only hope that Gloria and his entire family find comfort in the fact that he is with the Creator. Our love to you all.

Bryan, Daniel, Bob, and Donnie - July 06, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ Grandpa,
I miss you already, but I know you are in a better place.
Please watch over all of us, and tell Granny hello.
I love you!

Mary Wiseman - July 05, 2012 at 08:19 PM



“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Odes. I would like to share two scriptures with you that bring me comfort during my times of loss.. John 5:28&29 assures us that all those in the memorial tombs will have a resurrection.. 1st Corinthians 15:26 tells us that death is an enemy that will be done away with in God's new Kingdom.. If you would like more encouragement from the bible about our hopes & the promises for our future please email me at sanmarkillie@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Susan Markillie

Susan Markillie - July 04, 2012 at 05:11 PM