



Kendall Burton Hopkins

September 30, 1937 - February 26, 2018

Kendall's older brothers were in the armed services and while they were on active duty, Kendall, who was the youngest, had to quit school in the eighth grade to help out on the farm. You would never know, however, that Kendall only had an eighth-grade education, from all of the things that he could do. For example, Kendall loved working with wood. If he could visualize it, he could build it. He often created lounge chairs, swings, picnic tables, dog houses, carts, bird feeders, cabinets, gun racks, and sheds.

Kendall also thought of himself as a very good chef and loved to cook for his family. He often made homemade ice cream for family barbecues, sweet potato pies, chicken and dumplings, and many more dishes. He loved breakfast and was known for his pancakes. He and his wife often competed in the kitchen to see who could make the best homemade yeast rolls and other dishes.

Kendall loved to be outside. If he was not sitting in his favorite lounge chair with his homemade fan blowing on him, he could be spotted working in his garden or working under the hoods of cars. He was a self-taught mechanic and could diagnose and fix any car problem. Despite the countless hours spent working on cars, he never charged anyone a fee for his services.

Anyone who knew Kendall would agree that he had the gift of gab. He loved being around his family and friends where he shared jokes and tons of "stories." If you ever stopped by his home to visit, you were greeted with a smile, a joke, and most likely, a funny story.

After retiring from the Reed Trucking Company, Kendall spent numerous hours driving and sitting in his red GMC pick-up truck. Both Kendall and his favorite truck could be spotted in the Milton Food Lion parking lot, where he chatted with friends and family and enjoyed a good meal from KFC.

Although Kendall was not a member of a church, his life could be summarized under the following principle: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Kendall's life reflected this value in that he never held a grudge, no matter how mad he may have been. Additionally, he would give to his family and strangers, money, time, or anything else that they needed. Prior to departing this life, Kendall accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord. Kendall is preceded in death by his wife and son, Dorothy and Roosevelt; his parents; four brothers, Lindford, Preston, William J. and Noah L. Hopkins, Jr.; and three sisters, Viola Drummond, Minnie Bibbins, and Elva Wise.

Kendall leaves to mourn his loss, three sons, Kendall Hopkins, Jr. (Camden, DE), Kevin L. Hopkins (Chicago, IL) and Duane K. Hopkins, Sr. (Milton, DE); one daughter, Lorie A. Hopkins (Milton, DE); two grandchildren, Duane K. Hopkins, II (Bridgeville, DE) and Shanice Durham (Laurel, DE); one brother, Melvin Hopkins, Sr. (Long Neck, DE); one sister, Lillian Kenney (Delmar, MD); one brother-in-law, Vincent Wise, Sr. (Millsboro, DE), one honorary son, William Tiggs (Harrington, DE); a devoted nephew and niece, Robert Savage (Milton, DE) and Mary Parker (Milton, DE) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Kendall Burton Hopkins, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our belated condolences for the loss of your loved one. We send this condolence with the sure hope the Bible provides all of us at difficult times like this. As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). As death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove from this earth FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious day that will surely be! It's a reality and a sure hope that we can trust in because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2). My wife and I sincerely encourage you to look up and meditate on these noted scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17). You will surely be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope our Grand Creator has in store for us (John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - March 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To the Hopkins family, we recently sat in the same chairs as you now are sitting in and are praying for your strength and peace. Just keep your minds stayed on him (Jesus) and he will sustain and keep all of you all in perfect peace. For we, the Alexander family support you in our prayers, visit and any other things that are needed. The pains may be there now but you will quickly come to realize that he is in a better place. You know that there is no more pain, or sorrow will you have to encounter daily. You know how to reach us and don't hesitate to call on us because communication with our heavenly father and other believer will make it all worth while as your strength is renewed daily. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Mary Alexander - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ sending our love and heartfelt sympathy to the Hopkins family. Lorie, Kendall, Kevin and Duane are our own. We share the loss.

Richard and Sandra Neal - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God’s promise is fulfilled at Matthews 5: 5.*

JoyceA - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM