



Noah Lee "Junior" Hopkins

October 30, 1923 - June 18, 2017

The Obituary

“A Legacy of Love and Devotion”

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Noah, was a man of ALL seasons, and the seasons are evident in the life he lived.

Faithful - Dedicated – Spirited - Humorous – Loving - Charismatic - Kind -
Lively - Gifted - Gentle - Lover

“A Time To Be Born” – Noah Lee Hopkins Jr., the second child of sharecroppers, was born to Noah S. Hopkins Sr. and Anna Mae Burton Hopkins October 30, 1923 in Millsboro, Delaware. A strong-willed and inquisitive child like Noah, also known to most as Junior, took little time to begin to plant the foundation for his life.

“A Time To Plant” – The planting of the religious seed in his life took root at Old Field A.M.E., Friendship U.M. and Harmony U.M. Churches in Millsboro. Pastor John Collins baptized him in the Millsboro Seven Day Adventist Church. His faithfulness never weakened nor his dedication diminish.

Junior's educational foundation was fulfilled in several schools in the Millsboro area which included Johnson School, Friendship School, Warwick and Millsboro's Betts Pond. In 1979, he was awarded a G.E.D. from James H. Groves High School. He found joy in working as a truck driver for Tony Johnson, Reed Trucking Company in Milton, Delaware and William E Street. Junior worked over 50 years as a school bus driver and farmer while mastering the techniques of a carpenter, mechanic, plumber, electrician and painter.

Noah was especially proud of his military career in World War II. His job included driving trucks. Noah told his story to everyone he met, and listeners were astonished with his recollection of details and specifics. He was drafted in the U.S. Army March 20, 1943 in Fort Dix, New Jersey and received basic training in Camp Lee, Virginia. In July 1943, he went to Camp Maxey, Texas and then to Camp Stoneman which is near San Francisco for approximately six days. Then, along with 8,000 troops on board a Dutch ship headed to New Amsterdam, which was a 19-day journey, they spent 24 hours in Auckland, New Zealand. From November 1943 to January 1944, Junior served in Sydney, Australia and Brisbane, Australia and then on to New Guinea until December 1945. Those exciting adventures can be found in his journal, "Conversations with my Father". His journey home in January took 18 days when the USS Lanier landed in San Francisco. While serving in the military, Noah was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He wore his WWII veteran's cap with dignity and pride. "Thank you for your service sir" and "you don't look 90 plus years old" were comments he relished and enjoyed. Junior was honorably discharged January 18, 1946. Noah did indeed embrace life completely and lovingly. He held membership in the VFW Post #10638 Draine-Holden-Norwood-Street, Millsboro, Delaware for many years, Also, current membership in The American Legion Post #28,

Millsboro, Delaware.

“A Time To Embrace” – Noah’s love for church, family and the military was strengthened when he met and married Catherine E. Street on February 4, 1951. Their lives were complete with the births of six lovely children. Noah loved his children and instilled in them a love for God, a devotion to family, a quest for an education and an admirable work ethic.

Junior really loved people and chocolate, especially chocolate chip cookies with black walnuts, homemade ice cream, and he only wanted **HOMEMADE** cakes and pies.

“A Time To Laugh”-Junior loved to laugh, especially after he won several games of Scrabble and gave the losers, usually Vonnie and Greg, two thumbs up indicating he had done it **AGAIN**. His conversations were always filled with humor, and he found great joy at family gatherings. When vacationing with the family in Nags Head and the Christmas trips to Williamsburg, a special gleam appeared in Junior’s eyes as he watched his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

“A Time To Weep and A Time To Mourn” – It must have been the sound of the same quiet trumpet that summoned his wife, Catherine (December 17, 2005), that played “Taps” early Father’s Day morning, June 18, 2017. Like Catherine, Junior, does not want us to merely weep or mourn. They want us to remember. Remember the good times and the bad. Remember the smile they always had. Appreciate the things that brought joy.

Junior has left a vivid picture of the life he lived, and a map to chart our journey. Additionally, he has left a legacy of love for family, stories to pass on, cherished memories and a faith in God that will sustain each of us now and

always. . . . three sons, Sherman(Dorcas) Hopkins, Sr. (Sewell, NJ); Gregory Hopkins (Dover, De.), Gerald(Melissa) Hopkins (Leonardtown, MD); three daughters, Martha and Veronica Hopkins, and Janice Williams (Dover, De.); nine grandchildren; Krystal Sturgis, Latoya (Dawn)Hopkins, Sherman (Angelique)Hopkins, Jr., Gregory Given, Treviss (Stacey) Givens, Lance Hopkins, Ashley Williams, Juree Hopkins and Colin Hamilton; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Melvin (Frances)Hopkins and Kendall Hopkins (Milton, De.); one sister, Lillian Kenney (Delmar, MD); tree brothers-in-law, John Morris (St. Augustine, FL), William Daisey, Sr. (Dover, De.) and Norman (Janell) Street (San Diego, CA); two sisters-in -law, Elaine Street(Bridgeton, NJ) and Doris Street (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) and a host of relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, granddaughter, Cameron Hamilton, three brothers, Preston, Lindford and William Jasper Hopkins, three sisters, Viola Drummond, Minnie Bibbons and Elva Wise, and one son-in-law, Samuel Williams.

Lovingly submitted,

THE FAMILY

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Tribute Wall

VS

“ Noah was the greatest soul I ever meet. I loved to listen to his stories and great knowledge of history. He was an amazing man and an inspiration. Noah and his family was always so welcoming and warm. I loved working with him. This saddens my heart to hear. My condolences to the family and friends of Noah. Noah touched the lives of many people in his lifetime and never will be forgotten.

Vikki Stump - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We were so blessed to have you as part of family and part of our lives from the very beginning. You will be missed but always alive in our hearts. Rest in Peace Uncle Junior.

Darnell Daisey - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To Hopkins Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

All the best,

Ron & Hannah Nolan

Ron & Hannah Nolan - June 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. It is always sad to lose someone we love in death. During your time of grief, please take comfort in the bible promises. At Revelation 21:4, it tells us that soon death, sickness and pain will be done away with. Also, it gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again during the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 24:15) Until that time, may your entire family be comforted and blessed.*

Doretha Sampson - June 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

M Jones - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss. You and your family have my deepest sympathy and condolences. Please know that my prayers are with you.

Friend Carolyn

Carolyn Johnson - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ It was an honor to be a part of your life. Rest easy Mr. Hopkins/ My sincerest condolences to your family.

Theresa A Corcoran - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Extending to the family my heartfelt sympathy. May God comfort and strengthen each and everyone of you in the hours, days, and weeks ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Fern S. Bliss-Morgan - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Will be missed so many good memories of times shared. Family you are in our prayers. Know that your father was a truly special person whom touched our hearts. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jim and Debbie Marshall - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Keeping the family in my prayers. Love, Elda

Elda Wright - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM