



Raymond "Hoppy" O'Neil Hopkins

May 14, 1936 - March 22, 2017

Raymond O'Neil Hopkins, age 80, of Albia passed away on March 22, 2017 at his home under HCI Hospice care. He was known by many of his beloved family and friends as "Hoppy".

Ray was born May 14, 1936 in Davis County to Joseph and Nellie Mae (Bridgeman) Hopkins. Ray worked at the carnival traveling around the country. He loved horses and was a jockey for a time. He also worked on the railroad and Oak View Cemetery in Albia. He met and married Janet May Frits. To this union two daughters were born, Marcia and Ruth. Ray and Janet later divorced.

Ray started working at "Cantax" Brick in Ottumwa in 1967 with his four brothers. In 1969 he married Terri Ream. To this union three children were born, Angie, Mark and Paul. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, driving around Albia (very slowly) checking out the action, watching horse races, playing cards, poker and 31 were his games, watching the kids sporting events and especially enjoyed watching NASCAR races, with his favorite driver being Jimmie Johnson. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Ray is survived by his wife, Terri Hopkins; his children, Marcia (Dan) Celandia, Ruth (Richard) James, Angie (Tony) DeFlorian, Mark (Christy) Hopkins and

Paul Hopkins; his grandchildren, Danielle (DJ) Huffman, Ian Celandia, Chris Celandia, Leah Raskie, Bryan Raskie, Nick DeFlorian, Emma Hopkins and Grace Hopkins; sisters, Rachel Diane Miller, Nancy (Ron) Fabert and Charlene Murphy; a brother, Joe Hopkins. He is also survived by many, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Nellie; his sisters, Patty Hopkins, Mary Ellen Wright, and Joy Bridgeman; his brothers, Harold Hopkins, James Lloyd Hopkins, Kenny Hopkins, Billie A. Hopkins, Ronnie Hopkins and Jim Lee Hopkins; and a brother-in-law, Tom Murphy.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Nancy Reed officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Service Chapel Cemetery north of Albia on Hwy. 137.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ray's family present from 6-8 p.m. to greet family and friends.

An open memorial has been established to Ray's family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR **25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond "Hoppy" O'Neil Hopkins*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Raymond "Hoppy" O'Neil Hopkins*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Sending pray from the grandson of James,B. Bridgman whose daughter Patricia Lynn Bridgman is my my mom*

Michael Jones - May 29, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Papa Ray always have me candy when he drove by my house and every minute goes by I'm thinking of you. I'll meet you up in heaven when it's my turn to go.*

Emma Hopkins - April 12, 2017 at 11:29 PM



“ *Prayers for the family from one of the Bridgman clan. Tom and Ann Bridgman. Oldest daughter Theresa Stoker.*

Theresa Stoker - March 30, 2017 at 08:21 PM

Emily Kendall

“ He was always at the football games to cheer Emma on and he would tell me I did great at cheering.



Emily Kendall - March 23, 2017 at 09:45 PM

Emma Hopkins

“ He was always at my football games to cheer me on, love you papa Ray

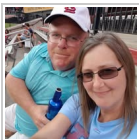
Emma Hopkins - March 23, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ I will always remember Uncle Raymond coming to my parents home to visit, and every time he would see me he would call ask me "How is my Hot Stuff?" I miss u that.



Misty Skinner - March 23, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ Mindy Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Hoppy" O'Neil Hopkins



Mindy Ratliff - March 23, 2017 at 11:55 AM