



Mr Donnie K. Hopkins

May 3, 1936 - October 4, 2016

Donny Keith Hopkins, 80, of Clinton, Mississippi, passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 4, 2016 in the care of Hospice of West Alabama located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Bethel Baptist Church, located in the Bethel Community in Leake County Mississippi. Visitation will be held from 10:00 -11:00 AM on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Bethel Baptist Church. The graveside service and burial will follow in the Bethel Cemetery. Reverend Glynn Pope will be officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Wilcox Funeral Home located in Carthage, Mississippi.

Donny was born in the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi on May 3, 1936. His birthplace was 80 miles away from his beloved family home in the “red-clay hills” of the Bethel Community in Leake County, Mississippi. Donny often spoke of those hills and wrote fondly of the “red-clay hills” in his autobiographical book, Luv & Hugs.

Donny graduated from Zama High School, Zama, Mississippi in May of 1955. He earned an Associate Degree from East Central Junior College, Decatur, Mississippi in the Spring of 1957, followed by a B.S. Degree in Science Education from Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi in the Spring of 1959. Donny was born into a family of school teachers (several family members) and his chosen profession was teaching high school science with a primary focus in biology. However, Donny Hopkins was so much more than his chosen

profession. He was truly a Christian man of God whose ministry (not just his profession) included teaching school.

During his teaching years at Provine High School, Jackson, Mississippi (1965-1975) Donny was selected as the Outstanding Young Educator for the city of Jackson and for the State of Mississippi. A paragraph from an article honoring Donny in the Provine Year Book read in part:

“Mr. Donny Hopkins...biology 213...Mississippi’s young educator of 1973... always trying something new and exciting...a super sense of humor...Hardest worker in class capers...sensitive to others...really interested in students...’Hop’[nickname]...a true Ram [the Provine mascot]...Something unique--a friend.”

Donny was never married and had no brothers or sisters, but he is survived by cousins on both sides of his parents’ family. He is survived by Jane Marie Hopkins, Maurine McIntosh, and Mildred Myrick, first-cousins on his father’s side of the family (Hopkins). He is survived by June McKee and Jerry Richardson, first-cousins on his mother’s side of the family (Richardson). He is also survived by numerous children of these first-cousins.

Donny was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Alfred Hopkins (10/20/1905 – 12/15/1961) and Essie Richardson Hopkins (11/20/1900 – 10/3/1972). Donny was also preceded in death by Anne Deweese and Presley Hopkins, first-cousins on his father’s side of the family (Hopkins) and Clydine Pickle, Danny Richardson, and Jane Scarborough, first-cousins on his mother’s side of the family (Richardson).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to: Bethel Cemetery , Faye Johnson, Adm., 3700 Center Crossing Rd, Kosciusko, MS 39090
Phone: 601.267.4976 or Hospice of West AL, 3851 Loop RD, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, 205 523 0101.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
Carthage, MS

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I just reread his autobiography and am enjoying a look back at the way things were when he was a boy. What fine man and how he must still be missed by his loving family. My belated but sincere condolences.*

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