



# William N. Hopkins

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**W**illiam N. Hopkins (Bill), 91, of Lewes, born August 5, 1919, the son of Alden S. Hopkins, Sr. and Margaret (Reynolds) Hopkins, departed from his home to be with the Lord on Friday, October 29, 2010.

William was owner and operator of Green Acres Farm (Hopkins' Dairy Farm) near Coolspring, from 1943 to the present. He took great pride in opening his farm annually for educational tours for Sussex County elementary school age children.

He graduated Lewes High School, Class of 1937; and earned a B.S. in Agricultural Education, University of Delaware, Class of 1942.

He was an organizer and the first secretary of the Delaware Farm Bureau; Director of Federal ASCS programs in Delaware under the Eisenhower Administration; Director of Land-O-Lakes Milk Cooperative and related milk marketing organizations for over 20 years.

William was highly recognized throughout his agricultural career with many awards. In 1983, he received the Sussex County Service Clubs, Service to Agriculture award; in 1984, George M. Worrilow Award, Service to Agriculture by Alumni of University of Delaware; in 1987, Delaware Holstein Association, Distinguished Service Award; in 1988, Sussex Vocational Technical Center - 18 years of loyal, dedicated service; in 1954, "Corn King" of Delaware producing 153 bushels per acre; in 1958, USDA Award of Merit; in 1990, designated Master Farmer of Delaware/Pennsylvania; and in 2010, received the 75 years certificate of membership in the Henlopen Grange.

In service to his community he was: President of Lewes Special and Cape Henlopen School Boards; appointed to the original Sussex Vo-Tech School Board; President of Lewes Rotary Club; and was a 65 year member of Jefferson Lodge #15 AF&AM.



## Obituary

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William was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Elizabeth (Cann) Hopkins in 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson William Andrew Hopkins, great-grandson Ethan Max Williams, and his brother Alden S. Hopkins, Jr. He is survived by his two sisters, Grace H. Hitch and Gladys H. Phillips both of Seaford; brother, George W. Hopkins of Lewes; children: Rev. Diane E. Melson and her spouse Franklin, Jr., of Bridgeville, Rev. William C. Hopkins and his spouse Cathy, of Lewes, Nancy H. Lank and her spouse Christopher, of Milton, Walter C. Hopkins and his spouse Jenny, of Lewes, Dorothy H. Farmer and her spouse Richard, of Greensboro, GA, Patricia H. Dieringer and her spouse Donald, of NYC, NY, Dr. Brinton A. Hopkins and his spouse Kathy Ann, of Raleigh, NC, Joseph R. Hopkins and his spouse Wendi, of Putnam, CT, Marian H. Harvey and her spouse Todd, of Chesapeake City, MD, and Samuel R. Hopkins of Parrish, FL; 24 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 8, 11 a.m., at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Friends and family may call at the funeral home on Sunday evening, November 7, 2010 from 6-9 p.m., with Masonic Services at 7:30 p.m. Friends may also call one hour prior to services. Interment will be at Coolspring Presbyterian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Delaware 4-H Foundation, William N. and Dorothy C. Hopkins Family Endowment, 113 Townsend Hall, 531 South College Avenue, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716-2210 and the Tunnel Cancer Center c/o Beebe Medical Foundation, 424 Savannah Road Lewes, DE 19958.

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## Tribute Wall

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DK

**Doris Best-Kroeger** posted:

Am sorry to have just learned of your loved ones parture to a much better place!! I knew your parents, grdptrs...etc...loved one...much condolences to ALL the family!!

December 16 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jack And Jean Berg** posted:

Our deepest sympathy over the passing of your dad. Please be assured of our prayers . Live with the many fond memories of the good times together and as Catholic Christians that he is seeing Jesus face to face.

November 7 at 8:00 PM

JN

**J Nunnally** posted:

I am sorry to learn about the death of William N. Hopkins. This must have been a difficult time for all. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to bring solace. Please, read the following scriptures: John 6:35-40, 44 and John 11:25, 26.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

SH

**Susan House** posted:

Walter, Nancy, and the rest of your family, I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. While I didn't know him, I think he must have been a good man because you two were great kids. You have my condolences.

November 3 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of William N. Hopkins.

November 3 at 8:00 PM

CP

**Cynthia Payne** posted:

I work with Dr Brinton Hopkins at NCSU Animal Science Raleigh, NC. I pray for peace in the hearts of the Families.

November 3 at 8:00 PM



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GM

**Gina Mifflin** posted:

Gone but not forgotten...I would like to thank the family for allowing me to care for my great friend, Mr. William...It was a pleasure, alot of love and great memories and he was full of such history.....Thanks for the time we shared, it was wonderful...Until we meet again.

November 3 at 8:00 PM

KF

**Keith Farmer** posted:

Deepest sympathies and apologies that I will not be able to attend the services.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

CJ

**Clifford (Sonny) & Sharon Joseph** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

JW

**Judy Mcfarlin Walls** posted:

May God comfort you on the loss of a great man. I know he had to be great because greatness was stamped on each of his children. I remember Diane as a super camp counselor at PeCoMeth, Watler as a great friend to travel to Jackson Mills with and Dottie as a great classmate and friend at Delaware. May our Lord comfort you at this difficult time.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

MJ

**Martin Johnson** posted:

My sympathy to all the family. Mr. Hopkins was one of nicest and most professional people that I had the pleasure of knowing.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

TJ

**The Family Of Melvin L. Joseph, Sr.** posted:

MAY MEMORIES OF YOUR LOVED ONE COMFORT YOU AND BRING YOU PEACEJOE ANN KEN AND TRACY ADAMS

November 2 at 8:00 PM



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PC

**Patti Collett** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about Mr. Hopkins' passing. Diane, Dawn, Jacob, you and everyone in your family are in my prayers.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

MG

**Mahlon Graves** posted:

My favorite memory of Mr. Hopkins was the time I ran out of gas near your farm. He got some gas and I enjoyed talking with him. He told me a quick story. His wife and he checked into a large hotel in southern California. The clerk recognized Mr. Hopkins because he was from southern Delaware. Mr. Hopkins said look at the trouble he would have been in if he wasn't with his wife. He laughed that great laugh and be warned you never know who may be watching. Mr. Hopkins is a huge loss. My condolences. Mahlon

November 2 at 8:00 PM

DM

**Dorothy Moses** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Hopkins family who are all wonderful, and it is because William N. Hopkins left his mark, his legacy on all his children. Mr. Hopkins always had a smile and a kind word. He was interested in what you had to say and made you feel comfortable in his presence. God bless you all as you mourn and prepare to go on without his love.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

JD

**John J. Dentino** posted:

I'm so sorry for you loss. Bill always greeted me with a huge smile. I'm sure everyone on the farm will miss "Daddy."

October 31 at 8:00 PM

DZ

**Diana Zlock** posted:

We miss you Pop-Pop Hopkins! Love, Diana, Rob, Emma, and Danny Zlock

October 29 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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