



## Walter "Burli" C. Hopkins Jr.

October 14, 1978 - March 18, 2020

Walter "Burli" Hopkins

Walter "Burli" Hopkins son of Walter C. Hopkins and Audrey Hopkins of Lewes, Delaware passed away on Wednesday, the 18th of 2020 at his home on the farm in Lewes at the age of 41.

Burli was born on 14 October 1978 at Beebe Hospital in Lewes. He spent his entire life committed to the Hopkins' family dairy farm and was an iconic member of the community.

Growing up, Burli was an avid Lacrosse player at Cape Henlopen High School class of 1996. He was also a star football player, winning the Reds Spirit Award his senior year. Known for his exceptional athleticism and hard-hitting sportsman's attitude Burli, was a Captain of the Cape Henlopen Lacrosse team and won All State honors his senior year.

After graduating from Cape Henlopen, Burli began working with his father at Green Acres Dairy Farm, developing the operation to a modern, bilingual, and multi-generational dairy. In 2008, he opened his own business of making ice cream. Initially starting from a small corner building on the farm, Burli built the Hopkins Farm Creamery into a year-round Lewes and Rehoboth Beach must-do destination experience for locals and travelers.

When Burli was not busy working hard on the farm or in the Hopkins Farm Creamery, he enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, (sometimes simultaneously!) He loved to travel and spend time with his lifelong friends. Perhaps Burli's favorite past time was coaching the next generation of Lacrosse champions.

As one of his lifelong friends noted, "not everyone in this world is lucky enough to meet a "Burli". He was 100% genuine, truly one of a kind, with no filter and a wicked laugh. Even though his time on earth was cut short, he had a lasting effect on everyone that was in his life."

To know Burli was to love Burli. When life would say it can't be done, Burli would say "hold my beer..."

Burli is preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Gribble Hopkins and brother, William Andrew Hopkins. Burli is survived by his father, Walter C. Hopkins and stepmother Jenny Mason Hopkins, his four children, Michael, Jacob, Grace and Luke Hopkins, his two sisters, Amy and Ingrid Hopkins, and 2 step sisters Lindsay King Trimble (Brent) and Cassie King Rempfer (Zach.)

Due to limitations set by our current global health crisis, a private service was held for Burli at Coolspring Presbyterian Church with only family in attendance. The Hopkins family will be planning a Celebration of Life in Burli's honor later this summer. The family will ensure that all are notified with the detail of this event through our local newspaper and social media.

# Comments

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“ Sending much love and hugs to all of you during this difficult time. No words can ease the pain ; however, we pray that god wraps his arms around you during this difficult time and guides each of you.

**Trish and Woody Dickerson** - March 31, 2020 at 06:10 AM

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“ Dear Walter, Jenny, and Family,

Be assured of our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for all of you. Can't imagine how difficult this must be. God bless, comfort, and guide you in these difficult days.

Sincerely,  
Bobby and Judy (Hopkins) Briggs  
Lexington, North Carolina

**Bobby & Judy Briggs** - March 28, 2020 at 12:48 PM