



Robert Hopkins

September 20, 1946 - October 19, 2006

Robert G. "Hoppy" Hopkins of Amboy died Thursday Oct. 19, 2006 at his home after many months of fighting a very deadly cancer, gave in and was taken from our hands. There is no yardstick for measuring a life lived. But even in Bob's suffering and pain, his only thoughts were of the people whom he loved. This to me is a great and selfless act of love. Please join our family in a celebration of Bob's life at the Amboy Community Center the 28th of October at 5:00 PM. A brief memorial service will be held with military honors by the Amboy American Legion at 5:30 followed by food and as Bob was so fond of saying "Properly Chilled Beverages". The uncountable acts of kindness shown to both Bob and his family cannot and will not be forgotten. And finally what is life but a journey? If you arrive at the end surrounded by those who love you then you are a great success. And that is you Bob Hopkins. Goodbye and all our love! Robert G Hopkins was born September 20th, 1946 in Chippewa Falls, WI to Bryce and Marion (Frenz) Hopkins. He attended Rockford schools and graduated from Rockford Auburn High School. He then joined the Navy and served 6 years mostly aboard the USS Sturgeon Nuclear Submarine. He also was a member of the American Legion. He worked for Commonwealth Edison for 29 years and retired in 1998. He then worked part time for Maplehurst Elevators for the last few years, loving every minute of it! He is survived by his wife Sharon of Amboy, mother Marion Hopkins of New Auburn, WI and sister Kay (Mick) McGill also of New Auburn, WI, daughters Theresa (John) Krueger of Oregon, IL, and Shelley (Don)

Behrends of Amboy, one son Guy Hopkins of Minneapolis, MN, grandchildren Lucas Miller, Caleb and Emma Krueger all of Oregon, IL and Tyler and Tanner Behrends of Amboy, IL, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Bryce in 1998. Arrangements by the Mihn-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Condolences may be sent at www.thejonesfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Hopkins*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Robert Hopkins*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Please accept our condolences at the loss of "HOPPY" we always enjoyed his cheerful countenance and company at work and bowling over the years. So sorry to hear about recent illness. Regards*

A.G. & Joan Kimbler - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am terribly sorry to hear about Bob. Dad called me and told me the news. Even though I cannot be with you all, I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you at this time. Your whole family I consider a blessing to have met, especially Bob. I wish I could be able to attend his celebration for those "properly chilled beverages" that I heard about. I'm not good at writing these kind of things but just know that I am keeping all of you in my mind and praying that you can get through this tough time. I love all of you. Take care and God Bless!*

Scott Roberts - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sharon & Family:

I haven't seen Hoppy much since his retirement and was unaware of his illness. Years ago Hoppy helped break me in and 'learn the ropes' about power plant operation in his own special way. They retired me out of the joint a couple years ago which was just as well since I don't think Bob and I fit the expected mold for current employees! Unfortunately I have prior committments and will be unable to attend the memorial services on Saturday but rest assured I'll have some "properly chilled beverages" in his honor.
Love,
Tim

Tim Foss - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *bob, you have always been a true and thoughtful person .always willing to go that extra mile to help someone. you will be truly missed by all that knew you . may god bless you .everybody that knew you loved you.i will be there to share a "properly cooled beverage" with you .*
marilyn

marilyn reed smith - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sharon,
I did not know Bob for a long time, but then it didn't take long to realize what a great guy he was. He certainly was an inspiration to me during our stay at Mayo's, and I will always deeply regret not having the opportunity to spend more time getting to know Bob better. I will truly miss him. Love. Jim.

*My dear friend Sharon,
I think you know how much I appreciate all that you and Bob did for Jim while in Rochester. You both watched over him during my absence it gave me peace of mind knowing that he was not alone. The moment I met you both, I just knew you were "good people". And what a trooper Bob was through it all....and he couldn't have had a better caregiver than you, Sharon - a very kind, caring, loving wife. And you made the best "sidewalk supervisors" in the history of the Hope Lodge! I pray the days ahead will be kind to you and will be filled with many happy memories of your years together. I will treasure the time we had together, although too short. Love,
Julie*

Jim and Julie Knight - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *To the Family of Bob "Hoppy" Hopkins,
Our deepest condolences to the family. We were not aware of Bob's illness. We know how tough that time can be for everyone.
Bob was one of those people who always had a smile, that was always there for anyone that needed an hand. We sure had lots of shifts together at Byron. Since retirement we seem to have lost touch with those people we were so close to for so many years.
My wife and I will be in Ohio during his celebration but we will share in spirit with all those that will be able to be there.
To Bob, may you finally have peace and as a friend I'll say. "Sailor rest your oar".*

John and Sandra Stout - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our deepest sympathy in your loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in your Memories and peace in your faith. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.

Sincerely
Steve & Heidi

Steve & Heidi Cummings - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Hoppy and I worked together for many years, he started at "Edison" about a year after I did at the Quad Cities plant--he then transferred to Zion. We later both transferred to Byron and Hoppy became my Shift Forman (I was a Shift Engineer). When I moved to Training Supervisor Hoppy moved into the Shift Engineer on our shift.

I know from my personal contact with Hoppy how you will miss him he truly was "one of a kind", but you can rest with the knowledge that he is now resting in peace and is no longer suffering, know that you and your family are in my prayers and that I am thankful that I can say that Hoppy was a friend of mine!

Sincerely,
Tom Higgins

Tom Higgins - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Family of Hoppy,

Don and Marilyn Cook worked with Hoppy at Zion Station. Hoppy and Marilyn were two of the "startup" people at Zion, as I recall. We remember him so well, as a friendly and kind person who liked to have a good time!

We extend our condolences to you for your loss.

Hoppy, we wish you peace!!

*Love,
Don and Marilyn*

Don Cook - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Hoppy was a great friend and worker. We were not aware of the battle he was undergoing in the recent past. In addition to many hours of "work" time we spent together, Hoppy always had time to be your friend. One time while helping him build a garage in Zion we had some of the best experiences which are now memories of long ago. Snowmobiling and the cornstalk in his leg was another long ago memory. We know that you have had a great time and will remember those great times with your beloved "Hoppy". Please know that many others have fond memories of the time we all got to share with Hoppy! We will miss him.*

George Johnson - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *The truth is something that many people strive for, however the truth seems to be a bit cloudy in the passing of Bob Hopkins. Many people may think certain things however the truth is what exists, and the truth can not be altered. Bob had 3 children, 2 boys and one 1 girl. He also had 3 grandchildren. The obituary was extremely false and the ones that truly knew Hoppy would know it was not at all authentic. Whomever authored the obituary was extremely jaded and also quite the bitter person. Anyone who would omit the existence of biological children of a man upon his death is really not a true person at all. My only hope is that Bobs widow can sleep peacefully at night. Lord knows with all she has done to destroy Bob and his family should be enough to keep her up all night every night for eternity.*

October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM