



Rev. Luther David Hopper

September 4, 1949 - December 11, 2021

Rev. Luther David Hopper, 72, husband of Barbara Liddell Hopper, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, TN. He was born September 4, 1949 to Walker & Ethel Townsend Hopper. A man of many interests and talents, he loved his Savior above all else. His favorite book, the Holy Bible, was never far from his reach. Held just as close was his family, his friends, and his country. As an electrician first class at the University of Kentucky from 1968 to 1978, he took many opportunities to witness to others. He was an honest, innovative man respected and admired by those he associated and worked with. He worked full-time and preached part-time until the day the Lord told him it was time to begin his full-time ministry. He was ordained on March 18, 1980 as a minister for the First Church of God. He earned a Master's Degree in Theology.

For over 40 years, he went where God sent him and the people needed him, whether the back roads and hills of eastern Kentucky or the metropolitan areas of Cincinnati, Ohio or Muncie, Indiana. He loved the people young and old. His radio ministry reached thousands of weary travelers. He was invited to preach at churches in others states. He loved his work.

As the years started taking their toll, he lost his beloved wife Francis in 2008. Soon afterwards, his health started to decline so much that he finally resigned from his life's work. He moved to Cookeville, TN to be close to his daughter

and other family members there. His son and family were in Nebraska, so phone calls and text messages were enjoyed when visits were not possible. But the Lord wasn't finished with him yet. His life changed when he met and in 2018 married a Christian woman who also loved Jesus and God's people. With fishing pole in hand, they enjoyed the wondrous landscapes his Lord hath made. He enjoyed church from a pew rather than a pulpit, family gatherings, watching the birds and other critters that wandered in the yard. He studied his Bible daily, and with the Lord's blessing he received his heart's desire to preach two more times at his home church in Monterey, TN. He was proud of his Scottish and Irish heritage and enjoyed researching his ancestors.

Even as he lay in the hospital bed those last weeks, he talked with nurses and staff about the wonders of heaven and the perfect body he would receive. His doctor remarked that for the rest of his life, he would always remember the 'thumbs up' sign he got whenever he asked, "How are you doing today, Mr. Hopper?" This best of warriors has gone home. God is good.

Rev. Hopper was preceded in death by his parents Walker & Ethel Townsend Hopper; wife Frances McCarty Hopper; brothers Henry Cole Hopper, Robert "Bobby" Hopper, Johnny Hopper, & Jerry (Carol) Hopper; and sister Faye Hopper Slusher. He is survived by wife Barbara Liddell Hopper; daughter Donna Ruth (Tony) Barnett; son David Ray (Melanie) Hopper; nephew Andrew Wells; grandchildren Tiffany Smith, Jessica (Matt) Garrett, Logan (Ashley) Downs, Dylan Hopper, Kole Hopper, & Brielle Hopper; great-grandchildren Isaac, Noah, & Hannah Garrett; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, & loved ones.

Funeral services will be conducted at Vaughn's Mill First Church of God at 12:00PM on Friday, December 17 by Rev. Dennis Creech. Visitation will be at the church on Friday beginning at 9:00 for family and 10:00 for friends. Burial

will follow the funeral at the Kennon Cemetery on Hardwicks Creek Road with Logan Downs, Dylan Hopper, Kole Hopper, Matthew Garrett, and Andrew Wells serving as pallbearers.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

DEC 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

Vaughns Mills First Church of God
3189 Hardwicks Creek Rd
Clay City , KY 40312

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Vaughns Mills First Church of God
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Clay City , KY 40312

Burial

DEC 17 (ET)

Kennon Cemetery
Clay City, KY 40312

Tribute Wall

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“ 55th Wing Public Affairs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rev. Luther David Hopper.



55th Wing Public Affairs - December 17, 2021 at 11:04 AM

BD

“ Brad Downs lit a candle in memory of Rev. Luther David Hopper



Brad Downs - December 16, 2021 at 10:38 PM

DB

“ David was a really good gentleman who served his Lord well. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. Our blessings to all of his family. Dave & Ruby Babcock

Dave & Ruby Babcock - December 16, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Luther David Hopper.



December 16, 2021 at 12:46 PM



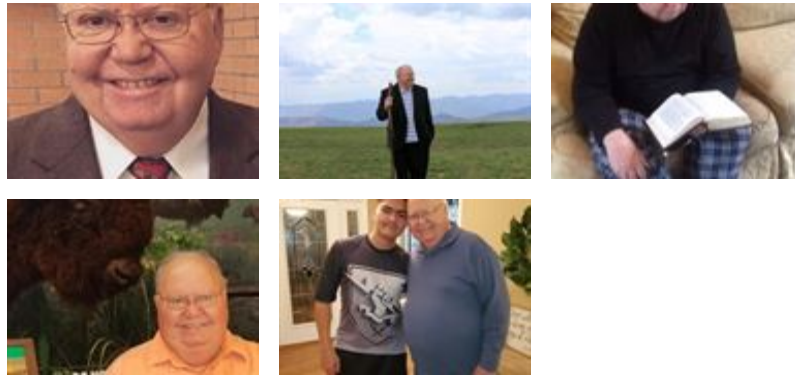
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Luther David Hopper.*



December 16, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *129 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wells Funeral Home - December 15, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Laura lit a candle in memory of Rev. Luther David Hopper*



Laura - December 15, 2021 at 06:44 AM

RH

“David was a wonderful human being. He took me on my first duck hunt, first dove hunt, and to my first U.K. basketball game at Memorial Collisium. He was super smart, had a quick and distinct laugh, and became as good of a preacher as I ever heard. God blessed him with knowledge and understanding. We talked by phone on November 19th for 1 1/2 hours. We talked about some serious stuff but also got a chance to relive some highlights from our younger lives when we spent a lot of time together. David was a good patient teacher, and brother. Although we were double first cousins he always asked me "how's my little brother"? And David, by any standard was a devout Christian. I love him and will always carry very fond memories of the times we spent together. My wife Kris and I want to express our sincere condolences to David's family. We pray you find peace and comfort in God's blessings.

Russell Hopper

russell hopper - December 14, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JW

“Judy Wooten lit a candle in memory of Rev. Luther David Hopper



Judy Wooten - December 14, 2021 at 08:42 PM