



## James William Hopkins

August 29, 1936 - April 1, 2020

James William Hopkins, age 83, of Rensselaer, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at Franciscan Health Lafayette. The son of William and Mary Geraldine (Florence) Hopkins, he was born on August 29th, 1936 in Rensselaer, Ind.

James was a lifelong resident of the Rensselaer area. He graduated from Rensselaer Central High School as a member of the Class of 1955. On June 22, 1958, he married Sharon Lea Wilcox, who survives. James was the owner and operator of William O. Hopkins Trucking since 1976. An active member of the community, he was involved in many service organizations over his lifetime. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard for four years. He served as a past board chairman as well as Deacon Emeritus at the First Christian Church of Rensselaer, where he attended. James was also a member of the Odd Fellow's Lodge and donated his time as a Boy Scout leader.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, three children, James (Holly) Hopkins of Rensselaer, Laura (the late Troy W. Roberts) Roberts of San Antonio, TX, and Michael (Kelli) Hopkins of Skiatook, OK. Also, surviving are seven grandchildren, Brienne Hooker, Samantha Pepple, William Hopkins, Emily Hopkins, Beth Hopkins, Geoffrey Hopkins, Alexander Hopkins, and two great-grandchildren, Lucy Pepple and Magdeline Hooker. His sister Jeri (Donald)

Fork of Kouts, Ind. also survives. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jeffery Hopkins and son-in-law, Troy Roberts.

Due to the current pandemic, private family services will be held. Memorial contributions in James's name be made to the First Christian Church of Rensselaer.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins

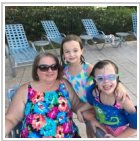


Roger & Vicki Steffen - April 08, 2020 at 10:48 PM

GM

“ Jim and Holly and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a good man and a great role model for us growing up. Remember going to the Boy Scout jamborees in Lafayette in your County Squire station wagon as a Cub Scout. Your mom being our Den mother... very good memories your family created in my childhood. The timing is never good to lose a loved one, but more so during this time with the social distancing. I'm sorry I can not be there in person to share more stories and memoires.  
Best Regards,  
Gerry Murray

Gerry Murray - April 08, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jim will be missed.  
-Ernie & Jeanette Randolph



Tammy Baker - April 07, 2020 at 06:09 PM

CM

“ *Chuck And Jackie Malchow lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Chuck and Jackie Malchow** - April 07, 2020 at 10:16 AM

GK

“ *George And Joan Kanne lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**George and Joan Kanne** - April 07, 2020 at 09:58 AM

GK

*Sharon and family, Our deepest sympathy to you and yours. Jim was a really nice man and will always have fond memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you. God Bless.*

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**George and Joan Kanne** - April 07, 2020 at 10:06 AM

CR

*Sorry this is such a late reply. Jim was a great classmate and a gentleman, but I remember more as being a great friend to my brother, Harold through the years. Sympathy and prayers to the family....know he will be missed. Carol Shuster Ricci*

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**Carol Shuster Ricci** - May 29, 2020 at 04:06 PM

GT

“ Jim was a wonderful hardworking individual. Gary and I both learned so much while working for him and his family. Great man and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Jim. Gary and Connie Tow.



Gary & Connie Tow - April 07, 2020 at 09:55 AM

LE

“ Lindy Eaton lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



Lindy Eaton - April 07, 2020 at 05:15 AM

LK

“ Larry & Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



Larry & Judy Koebcke - April 06, 2020 at 06:57 PM

KF

“ Kendra, Joe & William Field lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



Kendra, Joe & William Field - April 06, 2020 at 02:57 PM

GM

“ I have known Jim most of our lives, since we grew up together and in the same class. Needless to say we have shared memory's that date back to when we were kids . Football season was always a special time, for all the Guy's got together to prove their masculinity. Jim was always the biggest and aggressive. i happened to be right behind Jim when he picked the opponent up ( why tackle ) swung the poor soul around hitting and knocking me to the ground. We laughed and continue on. Jim was always a kind courteous individual that was liked by all. We miss you JIM  
GARY MAU

GARY MAU - April 05, 2020 at 01:34 PM

PG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you family 🙏 Pat Gizel

pat gizel - April 04, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



Judy Burvan - April 04, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ Condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you though this time of need. My God hold you and comfort you!  
Cindy Ziese , Nick and D Phegley

Cindy Ziese - April 03, 2020 at 09:44 PM

WW

“ *Rest in Peace Sr.  
Thanx for all the Laughs n Jokes n Memories for 20 yrs on the  
Phone at thee Office*

WB Wayne - April 03, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JM

“ *Jim And Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory  
of James William Hopkins*



Jim and Sandy Miller - April 03, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL OF  
YOU. MAY GOD, FRIENDS AND MEMORIES  
SEE YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT  
DAYS.  
DON AND GLORIA WAYMOUTH*



Don Waymouth - April 03, 2020 at 02:24 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of  
James William Hopkins*



Martha Langley - April 03, 2020 at 11:17 AM

JL

“ Sharon, Jim, Laura, Mike and all of Jim's Family, We are deeply saddened to learn of your great loss, but we are confident that Jim is in a better place. Jim was a wonderful man, a good Christian man and we are better because we had the privilege to know him. We have great memories of the Hopkins Family, and we will treasure those memories always. May Jim rest in peace, safely in the arms of Jesus, and may you all be comforted knowing that Jim was a great man, a good friend, and a Godly man. We will be keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Our love and Sympathy to you all, Jim & Dorrie



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**Jim & Dorrie Lefler** - April 03, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Nancy  
Dunlap

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...We are so sorry for your loss.  
Charlie Jr. Nancy, Cole and Avery Dunlap

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**Nancy Dunlap** - April 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM

JW

“ Jill And Greg Wilson lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



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**Jill and Greg Wilson** - April 03, 2020 at 09:26 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss. It was a pleasure to get to know Jim through our visits at Walgreens through the years and I will miss him. God bless you all.*

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**Cathy Hanna** - April 03, 2020 at 08:46 AM

HP

“ *Heidi & Bob Phillips lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Heidi & Bob phillips** - April 03, 2020 at 08:21 AM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Myles Beeching** - April 03, 2020 at 08:02 AM

MI

“ *Jim was a great man. I grew up around the shop, and it was a big family. The Hall family sends their condolences. Little Marty*

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**Marty Hall II** - April 03, 2020 at 07:22 AM

ST

“ *What a wonderful person Jim was. His love and generosity to his family, church, and community was beyond measure. My sympathy and prayers are lifted up to all his family and friends. God bless you all.*

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**sandy todd** - April 03, 2020 at 12:32 AM

JM

“ *Janice Hopkins Malchow lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Janice Hopkins malchow** - April 02, 2020 at 10:49 PM

KH

“ *Kenny & Maureen Healey lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Kenny & Maureen Healey** - April 02, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James William Hopkins.*



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April 02, 2020 at 09:07 PM

DS

“ *Denise & Randy Snyder lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



Denise & Randy Snyder - April 02, 2020 at 08:55 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Prohosky lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



Cathy Prohosky - April 02, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DH

“ *Denny & Susie Healey lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



Denny & Susie Healey - April 02, 2020 at 07:38 PM

DH

*Sending love and hugs to the Hopkins family!!*

Denny & Susan Healey - April 02, 2020 at 07:40 PM

N)

“ *Deepest Sympathy,, Have a lot of good memories in my heart , many good times when in school, Prom, just fun get-togethers. Give Sharon a hug from me..God bless. Love Sugar*

Norma Schultz (Sugar ) - April 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Hopkins family on the loss of Jim.



Marty and Nancy Hall - April 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM

MC

“ Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins



Mary Jo Casey - April 02, 2020 at 07:17 PM

LP

“ Jeri,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother.  
May God wrap his arms around you for comfort at this difficult time.



Lib Prohosky - April 02, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Jim so very sorry for your loss! Prayers for you all!! Deb( DeMoss) Allen

Debra Allen - April 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM

OF

“ *Ohanis Family lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Ohanis family** - April 02, 2020 at 04:46 PM

BF

“ *Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**bethel ford** - April 02, 2020 at 04:45 PM

KG

“ *Kenton Gray lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Kenton Gray** - April 02, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Judy Siegrist** - April 02, 2020 at 03:38 PM

ME

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy - Jim was a good man, and will be missed by so many. May you find comfort in knowing others care.* ”

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**Mary K. Emmrich** - April 02, 2020 at 02:36 PM

PH

“ *My condolences to the entire family. Jim was a great man and i always enjoyed talking with him. God Bless.* ”

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**Paul Hartwell** - April 02, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins* ”



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**Rebecca Chastain** - April 02, 2020 at 02:29 PM

ST

“ *Susie Tolleson lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins* ”



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**Susie Tolleson** - April 02, 2020 at 01:33 PM

ML

“ *Marilyn Alberts Lowry lit a candle in memory of James William Hopkins*



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**Marilyn Alberts lowry** - April 02, 2020 at 01:31 PM

RH

*Our hearts are saddened to hear about Jim's passing. He will be missed by so many people. Condolences to the Hopkins families.*

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**Rich & Dale Huhn** - April 02, 2020 at 03:27 PM

PE

*Condolences to Jim's family and friends at this time of loss. God be with you in your time of need.*

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**Phill and Lois Evers** - April 04, 2020 at 04:27 PM