



David Allen Hopkins

November 22, 1939 - December 6, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. David Allen Hopkins, age 72, of Lindale are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011 in the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home with Bro. Byron Howard officiating. Interment will follow in the Damascus Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale.

David, husband and the love of Pam's life, a loving brother, dad, granddaddy and great granddaddy was suddenly taken home by our Lord on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. David was born on November 22, 1939 in Navasota, Texas. He was a descendant of the Curd family, one of Brazos County's earliest settlers. His parents were the late Jessie L. Hopkins and Myrtle Celeste Cobb Sadler.

David grew up in Big Wells, Texas, attended Edgewood High School in San Antonio before graduating from Somerset High School. He served as an Electronic Technician in the United States Navy and later transferred to the Navy Reserves.

David was an active member of Central Baptist Church in Lindale, Texas. David loved his Lord and was a prayer warrior of all those in need.

David received his first associate degree in nursing from McClennan County

Community College in Waco, later received his BSN from Texas Eastern University in Tyler followed by a Masters in Criminal Justice from U. T. Tyler. David began a career as a taxi cab driver and armored car officer of the law in San Antonio, Texas which lead to many tales. He was a self-made engineer working for major construction companies both within the states and overseas. Once he began his nursing career, he moved through the ranks of staff nurse to executive nursing. David worked as house supervisor at Doctor's Memorial Hospital in Tyler where he met his loving wife, Pam. He traveled to Saudi Arabia with Beck Arabia as a safety superintendent and also established a major on site dispensary for employee health care at the construction site. He served as house supervisor at East Texas Medical Center in Athens for several years, Chief Nursing Officer of East Texas Medical Center Pittsburg, Texas. David worked as a nurse for the State of Texas prison system in Rusk, and Huntsville, Texas. He went on later to establish the medical dispensary and staff in the privately owned Bradshaw Jail in Overton, Texas.

David and Pam were both active in aviation as private pilots and ham radio operators where they shared many hours with friends throughout Texas. David was a writer and publisher. He was the author of Last Flight, a story about his heart attack in earlier life and survival. He has two books currently written which will be published.

David was preceded in death by his parents; son, David Hopkins, Jr. (shortly after birth); and brother, Jack Hopkins of Houston.

David is survived by his loving wife of almost 35 years, Pamela Clinton Hopkins; sister, Sybil Dunegan of Lindale; daughters, Davey Sue Hopkins Geagley and husband, Ben of Colorado Springs and Donna Sue Garcia of San Antonio; goddaughter, Micki Lindley Truman and husband Harlen; grandchildren, Brandi Hopkins Forsythe of Pennsylvania, Nick Hopkins of El

Paso, Margie Garcia of San Antonio, Martin Hopkins of Houston; god grandchildren, Jackson Truman and Luci Truman, both of Lindale; great grandson, Benjamin Forsythe; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. David loved his pets and they gave him many hours of relaxation and support. He is survived by his most precious pet Little Daisy.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Hopkins, Brandon Clinton, Deveal Clinton, Matt Dunegan, Lonnie Layne and Harlen Truman.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Allen Hopkins*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *David Allen Hopkins*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *David will be missed, he was a kind, friendly guy that forever left a mark on my life. I appreciate that God brought him into my life.##imported-begin##Jacob Rice##imported-end##*

January 26, 2012 at 10:55 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS WE LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##LEO & VIOLA SMITH##imported-end##*

December 10, 2011 at 09:16 AM



“ *I ride with the Patriot Guard. I won't be able to be with you on Saturday, but want to thank your loved one for his service to his country. As a read all the other comments by your family and friends it seems you had a real jewel of a man in your life. My condolences. Fly with the Angels David! God Bless....##imported-begin##Robin Cole##imported-end##*

December 09, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of David’s death. Clark has wonderful memories of David from their elementary school years in Big Wells Elementary and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We know he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Clark & Colleen Moore##imported-end##

December 09, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ ##imported-begin##JENNIFER JONES ROWE##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 03:24 PM



“ Many fun times we shared growing up in Big Wells- even though there wasn’t much in that little town we made our own fun and the lifetime friendships are priceless. Prayers for your family and my regards to Sybil.##imported-begin##Georgia Graham Ward##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 09:52 AM



“ Dearest Uncle. I was so saddened to get the news of your passing. I am really grateful that we got to spend some quality time together during my last few visits to Tyler. I rejoice in the fact that you are in heaven catching up with my dad. I will truly miss your wit, charm and words of wisdom. I know that you will run into quite a few folks in heaven that have you and the "little red button" to thank for eternal life through Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Varjas aka Betsy Hopkins##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ Dear Uncle David - I am shocked to hear of your sudden passing and will miss you very much. Future visits to Lindale will not be the same. Your words of wisdom and sense of humor will be sorely missed ... not forgotten. The folks in Lindale will miss seeing you about town in your famous single, red-buttoned shirts; I know I will. We will all miss the good times/laughs. Thank you for all you and Aunt Pam did to help my mom get on back home to Texas. Thank you for all you did to help my siblings; we all appreciate your kindness. Thank you for all you tried to do to help recruit me and Mike back to Lindale. Your interest and efforts were truly appreciated: we just didn't get the timing down - nearly but, not quite. Thank you Lord for bringing such a special person into all our lives, who showed us a lot about life in his own, unique way. You have another angel up there with You, waiting for us. With love, Jen
x##imported-begin##Jen Bradsell##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 05:22 AM



“ you have all the answers to all the questions i forgot to ask.....i went to check the mail earlier,there was a letter from you,how ironic,....i wish we had spoken longer on your birthday,i am gonna miss our phone callsand lettrs,...but we'll still talk,every day,all the time,cuz i know you will always be there to listen,I LOVE YOU,DADDY,don't forget to listen, cuz i've got so much to say.....##imported-begin##donna hopkins##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Grandpa was a very kind man who would help anybody he could,he really help me with questions I had when I got into the medical feild I made him proud no matter what I did but he had a extra big smile as he found out I picked the health feild..."you know you will always have a job if you pick law or health bc there will always be people deing and crime" You will be missed I love you###imported-begin##Brandi Hopkins##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 08:08 PM