



## James Elmer (Jim) Hopkins

December 3, 1932 - March 2, 2024

James Elmer (Jim) Hopkins, Jr., 91, from Jonesville, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on March 2, 2024. He was of the Baptist faith, having accepted Christ as a young man at the Thompson Settlement Baptist Church.

Jim was born on December 3, 1932, in the Flatwoods community of Lee County, Virginia. He attended and was very fond of Midway School; he later graduated in 1951 from Flatwoods High School. He then enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan during the Korean Conflict. Jim later served as an aircraft mechanic at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. An accomplished machinist, he engaged in auto repair, auto parts, homebuilding, and real estate during his career.

Jim had a lifelong desire to learn, passing up television for books and educational videos. He was a loving husband who enjoyed spending time "studying geography" with his late wife Natella by driving over both local and faraway roads. He enjoyed retirement by making furniture, especially clocks, many of which he would gift to others. He passed along woodworking skills to his grandsons and would make custom furniture for his granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Nettie Mae Hopkins; brother, Jack Neff Hopkins; and daughter, Judy Bustamante. He is survived by children, Jack (Cindy) Hopkins and Janet (Glenn) Hathaway; grandchildren,

Adrienne (Dave) Harbarger, Ryan Hathaway, Greg (Morgan) Hopkins, Rebecca (Eddie) Richardson, Luke (Riley) Hopkins; and great-grandchildren, Cash Harbarger, Rex Harbarger, Riley Richardson, Harrison Hopkins, and Mallory Hopkins.

Jim was also preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Natella Hopkins, in 2022; the two will be interred together as they are now "together again." A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 15, 2024, 10:30 am at the Thompson Settlement Baptist Church Cemetery, Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville is in charge of arrangements.

A special thanks to the staff at Lee Health and Rehab in Pennington Gap for 20 months of quality care and attention.

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

MAR 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

Thompson Settlement Baptist Church  
1 Thompson Settlement Rd.  
Jonesville, VA 24263

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Minor Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of James Elmer (Jim) Hopkins.*



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**The Minor Family** - March 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Elmer (Jim) Hopkins.*



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March 12, 2024 at 05:10 PM

RD

“ *I met Jim at a photo club meeting. We both loved photography. From that initial meeting we became good friends and met and talked often. His world died when Natalia died. I was able to visit him a few times at the nursing home, but when Covid started I couldn't take a chance on him getting it. I miss them both!*  
*RD Hayes, DO*

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**Robert DHayes DO** - March 11, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ There are too many wonderful memories of Jim and of our times spent with him and Natella to even begin to convey the loss we feel. In every regard he was a treasured and greatly loved cousin. With great sadness we say goodbye.

*Pat and Stephen White*

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**Pat & Stephen White** - March 05, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DA

“ I didn't know Jim until he married my wife's aunt Natella. He was an amazing man and as said before he was so good with Natella and loved her and her family. When we were able to visit, it was so refreshing to converse with him. Never ever knew anyone like him that had a thirst for knowledge. We got to know Jim's family and what wonderful people. Jim and Natella will be missed but not forgotten and always loved! Jim was an example to me to always challenge, learn and share that learning. May we all live to be a blessing to others as Jim did! Our condolences to the family!

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**Dan and Alice** - March 04, 2024 at 07:05 PM

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“ For the 41 years I knew Jim he was totally in love with Natalia. Jim was talented, witty, a life long student always hunting for total knowledge of whatever subject had his interest at the time. A photographer, woodworker, a musical instrument builder. Most of all a humorist in many fields. He will be missed.

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**Edward Gray** - March 04, 2024 at 03:06 PM