



# Richard Andrew Hopkins

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**R**ichard Andrew Hopkins, age 92 of Unionville, Iowa passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2022 surrounded by his family.

Richard was born on January 9, 1930 in the middle of a massive snowstorm in Udell, Iowa, the son of James Delbert Hopkins and Gessie (Swaim) Hopkins. He graduated from the last graduating class of Unionville High School in 1949.

Following high school, Richard began working at John Morrell and Co. in Ottumwa as a Pork Cutter. On July 12, 1951, Richard was united in marriage to Marjorie Fay Hinton, and to this union, six children were born, Sharon, Janice, Paula, Teresa, Roger, and Michele.

On August 2, 1951, Richard was drafted into the United States Army. He was stationed in Japan during the Korean War. He served his country faithfully and was honorably discharged on July 14, 1953. Richard was a very loyal veteran. His country meant so much to him, and was very proud to have served.

Richard continued worked for John Morrell and Co. for 24 years in total. When John Morrell and Co. closed, he started working at John Deere. He worked there for a year and a half. In 1973, Richard built a garage and worked as a mechanic and added the radiator repair shop. After 13 years at the shop, he had to retire due to health reasons. Richard helped start the First Responders in Unionville, IA. He was also the first Mayor in Iowa to have an all-female city council in Unionville. He always thought of others, and helped facilitate rural water operations on the east side of Highway 5, allowing many people throughout Appanoose County to receive rural water.

Richard was a very creative worker, who built a horse trailer with friends and enjoyed building tractors, which most of his children learned to drive on. He was also very good at woodworking. Richard was the troubleshooter in the family. Anytime anyone had any issues, he always had advice on how to fix it or help them. He enjoyed attending a lot of horse shows and loved camping with his wife, Marjorie. Family was



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the most important thing to Richard, and he cherished every moment spent with them, and his bloodhound dog, Bud.

Left to honor Richards memory are his wife of over 71 years, Marjorie Hopkins of Unionville, IA; six children, Sharon Hopkins-Brinegar of Moulton, Janice (Carl) Brandt of Des Moines, Paula (Ed) Chadwick of Ottumwa, Teresa (Scott) Amendt of Pleasantville, Roger Hopkins of Unionville, IA, and Michele VanAntwerp of Unionville, IA; nine grandchildren, Ethan (Natalie) Brinegar, Kaleb Brinegar, Kelli (Anthony) Villmow, Kyle Amendt, Tina (Ryan) Vosberg, Melissa (Tim) Dennison, Brandi VanAntwerp, Ashley Drumm, and Christina (Roth) Mallen; 15 great grandchildren, Greyson Villmow, Owen Villmow, Connor Villmow, Stacy Hopkins, Keirah Talbert, Xander Talbert, Daniel Dennison, Sophia Dennison, Skye Mallen, Paisley Mallen, Remy Mallen, Ryker Mallen, Landon Roth, Keaton Drumm, and Kinsley Drumm; two great great grandchildren, Adalynn Dorothy and Sylah Dorothy; as well as several extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, James and Gessie Hopkins; a grandchild, Stephanie Hopkins; a great grandchild, Zaya Villmow; a sister, Marie Canterbury; his brother, Jack Hopkins and two brothers in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 10AM, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Fr. Timothy Armbruster officiating. Burial w/ Military Rites will follow at the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. Visitation will take place Monday, September 26, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 4-7PM. Memorials have been established to either the Unionville, Iowa American Legion, Post #407 or to the St. Marys Catholic Church, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Hopkins Family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com) or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Visitation

2022-09-26 16:00:00

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Lange Funeral Home & Crematory



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Funeral Service  
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Lange Funeral Home & Crematory  
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Military Honors  
2022-09-27 10:45:00  
Oakland Cemetery  
East State Street  
Centerville  
IA  
52544



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:49 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:54 PM



JM

**Joe Mckenna** posted:

I loved going to the Hopkins to see what Uncle Richard made from odds and ends. Biggest one i rembered was a truck that turned into a camper. He was larger than life in my mind. I will look forward to see what he has made in his eternal workshop. RIP Richard you will be missed.

September 26 at 7:00 PM



HF

**Hopkins Family** posted:

Sorry for your loss

September 26 at 7:00 PM



TS

**Thelma Smothers** posted:

Michele, Although I didn't know your dad, I know how much he meant to you. My heart goes out to you as you mourn. It is my sincere hope that you find comfort and peace in the days ahead.

September 25 at 7:00 PM



DM

**Deb Kelley Mcdow** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

September 22 at 7:00 PM



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LR

**Landon Roth** posted:

I remember almost every single time we went down to my grandma's, we'd always visit Grandma and Grandpa Hoppy's house before we left for home. We live in Davenport, which is about two and a half hours away, so we didn't really get to see them that often. Only when we went to my grandma's house. I remember we'd always go there, walk in, and sit on the couch. We'd talk about how our sports were, how school was going, and other things that were happening in our lives. They'd always be astonished on how old we are, since we rarely visited them. I also always remembered the seven dollars they would give us. Every time we would go there, they would always give us seven dollars. I'm not sure why, but they did, and we appreciated it. I also remember the Easter egg hunts we had there. They were so much fun. The last time I visited grandma and grandpa in their house was August 28th. We went there, sat on the couch, and talked about the same things we'd always talk about, sports, school, and other things happening in our lives. But, there was one thing that was different. Instead of giving us seven dollars, they gave us ten. I don't know if they planned this, or if it was just by coincidence, but that was the last time I received money from their house. Grandpa will always be remembered by me, with the seven dollars.

September 22 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Mona Roush Berry** posted:

So many memories at the house in Unionville, Iowa. Sending prayers to Marjorie and family

September 22 at 7:00 PM

GB

**Gary And Cheryl Burrows** posted:

Gary and I are glad we stopped to see Richard last Thursday and had a cup of coffee and sugar free cookie with him. We kiddingly say that Marge and Richard are our drinking buddies. That is our coffee drinking buddies. They were the starting couple of our coffee group at Hy-Vee every Wednesday and sometimes on Friday. We always enjoyed our visits with Richard and was glad to hear his stories and advice of all the years of of his experience. Gary and Richard shared all their stories of cars and how to work on them. We enjoyed Richard and Marge's 70 years of marriage celebration. We will greatly miss him and wish we could have got to know him longer. Love to all of his family, Gary and Cheryl Burrows.

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DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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RK

**Roxan Kuntz** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family. Roxan (Underwood) Kuntz.

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GT

**Greta Tarbell** posted:

Marjorie and family.. So sorry for your loss. Richard was a very kind and caring man. Cherish all your wonderful memories, of a life well lived. Deepest Sympathy

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KD

**Keaton Drumm** posted:

I remember that he always was such a happy soul, and he used to always give me and my siblings \$7. I don't know why it was \$7, but there was obviously a reason. He will always be in my heart. RIP, Grandpa Hoppy.

September 20 at 7:00 PM

NT

**Nellie Thomas** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences to the families.

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## Media

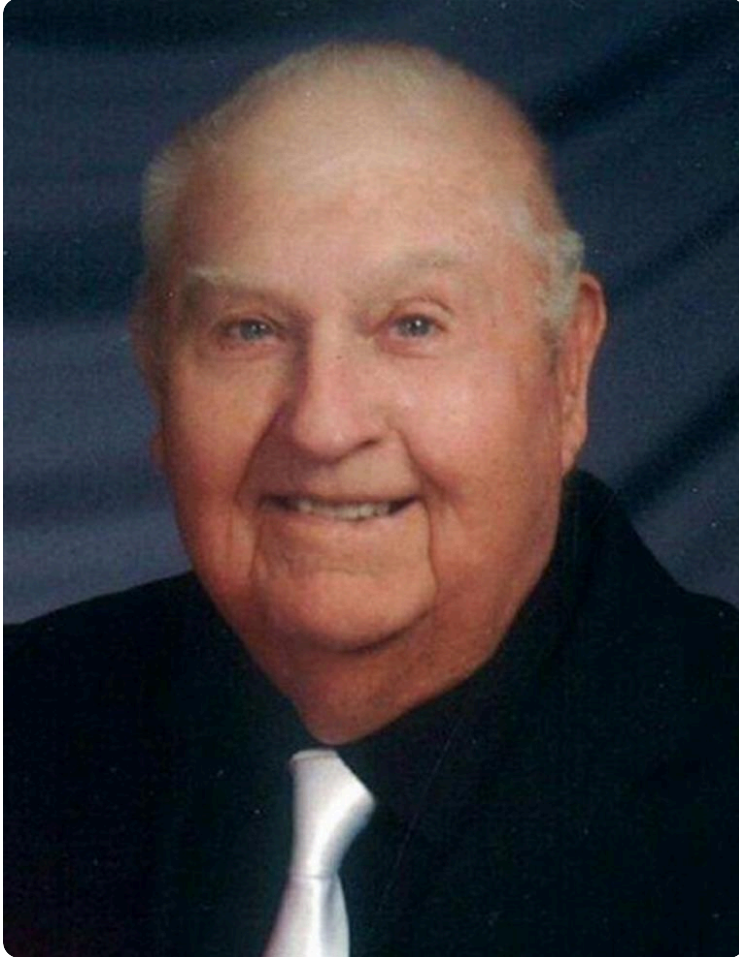
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