

James L. "Hoppy" Hopkins

BIRTH 22 Jun 1924

Wellington, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 24 Apr 2002 (aged 77)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 9255579



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James L. "Hoppy" Hopkins, 77, a lifetime resident of Hoopeston, died Wednesday (April 24, 2002) at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

Born June 22, 1924, in Wellington, he was the son of Charles and Mae Lillie Turner Hopkins Sr. He married Dorothy Weaks on Dec. 30, 1950, at Hoopeston. She preceded him in death on March 2, 1991.

Hoppy was foreman of the Gas Dept. in Hoopeston for Central Illinois Power Service for 35 years retiring in 1987, and worked part time at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home in Hoopeston for the past 24 years.

He served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Hoopeston American Legion Post #384.

He was a retired fire chief of the Hoopeston Fire Department, having served from 1956 until 1989.

Hoppy coached and umpired in the Hoopeston Little League Baseball Association many years. He was a great supporter and avid fan of Hoopeston Area High School sports, seldom missing a football or basketball game. He also enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs.

In 1986, Hoppy was one of the first three people inducted into the Hoopeston Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Hoopeston Chronicle.

Family Members

Parents

