



James Arthur Hopson

March 18, 1927 - September 5, 2008

James Arthur Hopson of Milledgeville, Georgia died in a peaceful sleep on Friday, September 5, 2008.

Born March 18, 1927, Jim was the son of the late Newell Lee and the late Ina Mae Henry Hopson. Jimmy grew up in DeSoto, Missouri across the street from his future wife Elizabeth Ann Bloodworth. He served in the Navy during World War II, and later graduated from the University of Missouri and from Washington University in St. Louis, where he received a Doctorate in Education. He was well-known and respected as an outstanding school administrator throughout Missouri and Illinois. After tenures as Superintendent of Schools in University City, Missouri and Rock Island, Illinois, he and Ann retired to the family farm, Pettigrew Place, near Milledgeville, Georgia. He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville.

Jim was a Master Gardner. He and his devoted dogs, Buster and Jack, spent many happy hours tending his garden. Family, friends and neighbors were the grateful recipients of his tomatoes, corn, cantaloupe, peppers and okra which he enjoyed giving. He was a wine maker, a jar collector, a rock hound, and one of the best trout fishermen anywhere. He was totally committed to everything he did -- his Mother Ina said that he did everything, "like he's a killin' snakes." More than anything, however, he was a loving and caring son, husband and father.

Survivors include daughter Judy Godwin of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, son William Hopson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, son Glenn Hopson of Coronado, California, son Mark Hopson of Omaha, Nebraska, and ten grandchildren Lauren, Jim, Kate, Eric, Sophie, Ben, Hannah, Maddie, Sam and Holly.

The funeral service will be held in the chapel of Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 10:00 am. The cemetery is located 5 miles south of downtown Milledgeville along Georgia Highway 112.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his honor may be sent to Community Baptist Church at 143 Log Cabin Road NE, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ I will always have very fond memories of Jim and his entire family. He made a great contribution to Rock Island School District 41 in his time here. I really enjoyed serving on the School Board for his tenure as Superintendent. Betty and I have the Hopson family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Steve Clark##imported-end##

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“ SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM'S PASSING. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY. WALTER & LILY GRIMES##imported-begin##WALTER GRIMES##imported-end##

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“ To the children of James Hopson. Both Len and I are sorry to hear about your father. He was a great guy and Len has many many fishing memories with him. I know all of his friends will miss him.##imported-begin##Margaret King##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Hopson family.##imported-begin##Richard Qualls##imported-end##

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“ We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to Jim's family and many friends as we all mourn his passing. Whether as our school superintendent, Good News Class member, or close friend, Jim was a gracious gentleman and enthusiastic host. We are thankful to God for Jim and Ann's wonderful family and for Jim's life of service and generosity to others.##imported-begin##John and Nancy Schwegler##imported-end##

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“ Dear Hopson Family I am once again sorry for the passing of your father and friend. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Lisa Waeyaert Wymer##imported-end##

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“ Jim was a good friend for many years and he will be missed. I admired and respected him deeply. Our thoughts and prayers will be with his family##imported-begin##Tommy Jefferson##imported-end##

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