



## Bernard Michael Hopkins

August 19, 1934 - December 17, 2019

Bernard Michael “Bernie” Hopkins of Centreville, MD, passed away peacefully at his home on December 17, 2019. He was 85.

Born on August 19, 1934, in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late James J. and Katherine G. Henthorn Hopkins.

Bernie was a 1952 graduate of Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore and went on to attend Loyola College of Maryland where he graduated in 1956. After college he joined the United States Army and achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1964, he married his sweetheart of 55 years Sondra Harrington of Centreville at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. That same year he began his career with State Farm Insurance. Bernie was a born salesman who never met a stranger. In his 35-year career as an insurance agent, he won every sales award that State Farm offered and was consistently one of the top agents in the country.

In his spare time, Bernie became a world champion decoy carver. He won numerous First Place and Best of Show ribbons in contests all over the U.S.A. and Canada. His beautiful waterfowl carvings can be found in private collections all over the world. He was always the best at what he tried. He traveled all over the country and the world including Europe, the Caribbean

and the Pacific Islands with his wife Sondra, but enjoyed conquering the slot machines in Atlantic City most of all.

He was generous, full of life, and never hesitated to tell you what he thought. He loved people but his greatest love was his wife and family, especially his grandchildren.

Bernard is survived by his three children, Shaun Hopkins (Gillian), Ryan Hopkins (Susan), Colleen Hopkins; a brother James J. Hopkins (Martha); a brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Crutsinger; and was a loving pop-pop to five grandchildren, Riley Hopkins, Quinn Hopkins, Caitlin Boudreau, Reagan Hopkins, and Finnegan Hopkins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sondra Hopkins, in January; sisters, Kathryn E. Green (Jack), Angie Crutsinger, and Bonnie Weiringa.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 27, 2019, from 6-8 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A Mass will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at 11 am, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Mass

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
Queenstown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Michael Hopkins*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 26, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *I had purchased a bufflehead decoy at an auction in Parsonsburg, Maryland and when I opened the package from the auction house, the bottom of the decoy was signed and dated Bernie Hopkins 1978. I did some research and found that Bernie was , as the obituary states, a well known decoy carver in Maryland. Reading Bernie's life story considerably increases the value of the decoy for me.*

*Charles Wolters*

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**Charles Wolters** - July 08, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *Bernard Michael Hopkins*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bernard Michael Hopkins*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bernard Michael Hopkins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bernie was a friend of the Litzau family in Irvington and my uncle Richard Litzau's best friend while growing up. Unfortunately, my uncle passed away early in 1956. I got to know Bernie when I was 22 and he sold me auto insurance. I supported him in his run for the House of Delegates when he lived in Catonsville and later when he moved he appointed me to his position on the Republican state central committee. Periodically, I encountered Bernie on the Eastern Shore and he was always friendly and outgoing in our meeting. I am sorry for your loss; Bernie was a great person who was very proud of his family.*

*Eric Reitz, Ellicott City*

Eric Wesley Reitz - August 27, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Michael Hopkins.*



December 27, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bernard Michael Hopkins.*



December 27, 2019 at 11:47 AM

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“ *Melissa Lenzi lit a candle in memory of  
Bernard Michael Hopkins*



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**Melissa Lenzi** - December 23, 2019 at 08:07 PM

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*Jim ...so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. ...Howard Noll*

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**Howard Noll** - December 26, 2019 at 01:45 PM