



Wayman Hopkins

September 29, 1930 - December 30, 2020

Wayman H. Hopkins, 90, of Willcox passed away peacefully on 12\30\2020. He was born in Red Bluff, Tennessee on 9/29/1930. He was preceded in death by his parents Hubert and Flora Hopkins, his brother Buff Hopkins and his son Troy Hopkins. He is survived by his spouse Loretta Hopkins, his children Mark (Debbie) Hopkins, Dean Hopkins and Dave Hopkins, siblings Bill (Louise) Hopkins, Stan (Judy) Hopkins, grandchildren Paul Hopkins, Jodi Hopkins (Matt Mitchell), Heather Hopkins (Norwood Cole) Michael (Ashley) Gannon , Jace Hopkins and 8 great grandchildren.

When He was 15, his family moved to Arizona. After graduation from McNary, Az high school, he joined the Navy and served aboard ship in the Korean War. He attended Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff) , where he met and married Loretta D Bosley, while he completed a B.S. in Education. After graduation he accepted a teaching position at Willcox School District in 1959. He primarily taught Civics and Journalism. He retired in 1994 after 35 years. Many of his former students fondly remember him as "Soft Shoes". After retirement he went on to professionally paint many buildings in the Willcox area, retiring from this endeavor at age 86.

With a heart for his community, he served on the Willcox City Council,(which included multiple terms as Mayor) also membership and service in the Rotary Club, The Elks Club, the Masonic Lodge the Willcox United Methodist Church, and Southeastern Arizona Government Organization. As Mayor he was instrumental in the creation of Keiller Park and many other city improvements.

An Open Celebration Of Life will be held Saturday January 16, from 2 to 4 pm at Extended Hands Ministries, 151 W. Wasson in Willcox.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Willcox Public Schools or City of Willcox Keiller Park renovations.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Extended Hands Ministries
151 W. Wasson
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *Wayman Hopkins*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and prayers of comfort. Mr Hopkins was very good to me and I have great memories!*

Terri Buckner-Guice - January 13, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Hopkins was a great teacher and made class very interesting. He helped me to step out of my shell and do more than I thought I could. Prayers for the family.*

Cheryl Bowlby

Cheryl Bowlby - January 13, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mr Hopkins. Such a nice person. My condolences to the Family.*



Jonnie Martinez - January 11, 2021 at 08:46 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Morris lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Ellen Morris - January 11, 2021 at 02:21 PM

AM

“ *Alma & Felipe Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Alma & Felipe Mendoza - January 08, 2021 at 08:28 PM

MH

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

Mildred Haebig - January 08, 2021 at 09:17 AM

WK

“ *Warren Knowles lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Warren Knowles - January 06, 2021 at 11:14 PM

HH

“ He was the best grandfather I could have possibly asked for. I will cherish all my memories with Papa and the great conversations we had over the years. I will miss him dearly, but I am a better person for having known him.

Heather Hopkins - January 04, 2021 at 06:43 PM

HH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Heather Hopkins - January 04, 2021 at 06:41 PM

LW

“ What a delightful man that will truly be missed!! So knowledgeable and cared so much about his teaching. He knew the importance of education and was at his peak while teaching. I'll miss you Mr. Hopkins.



Lina Martinez Weaver - January 04, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BT

“ Wayman was a good man and he will be missed. God be with the family. Ben Travis

Ben Travis - January 04, 2021 at 10:26 AM

AM

“ Remember his red vest? Some of my best memories were taught in Journalism class 1978 through 1980. Thank you for all you've taught us.

Ann Mason - January 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

AM

“ Ann Mason lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins



Ann Mason - January 03, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JA

“ Wayman taught two generations of Atwoods, has been a long time customer of Atwood Plumbing, painted our ranch house and is a much loved friend who made our wedding day unforgettable. You will be missed!

James Atwood - January 03, 2021 at 06:12 PM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins



Gus & Rita Morales - January 03, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ Rest well fine Sir. Condolences to his family.



Jennifer Regensberg - January 02, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family. He was a great teacher and a great man.

Debra Martin Boss

Debra Lee - January 02, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Rest in peace Brother Wayman.

Willcox Lodge No 10, F&AM - January 02, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Very nice man. RIP Wayman!! 🙏❤️🙏

Anselmo & Bertha Torres - January 02, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ Anselmo & Bertha Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayman Hopkins



Anselmo & Bertha Torres - January 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM

Jl

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss. What a teacher he was to us all. Our kids were fortunate to have him in school as well.*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - January 01, 2021 at 07:49 PM

AT

“ *Angela Torres lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Angela Torres - January 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM



Candice
Gonzales

“ *Candice Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Candice Gonzales - January 01, 2021 at 06:06 PM

LH

“ *He was a great teacher. He will be missed by many. My prayers and condolences for the family.*

Lisa Marie Humphries - January 01, 2021 at 03:52 PM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Trey Moses - January 01, 2021 at 02:57 PM

CB

“ *A wonderful friend and a great Teacher, He did a lot of painting for us! Rest in peace Wayman you are at peace with your wife!*

Chele Brewer - January 01, 2021 at 01:39 PM

NF

“ *Noel And Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Noel and Arlene Forsyth - January 01, 2021 at 11:51 AM

SA

“ *What a wonderful teacher and friend he was! Our deepest sympathy to the Hopkins family.*



Susan&John Arbuthnot - January 01, 2021 at 08:19 AM

BW

He was a wonderful teacher! I learned much about History and Government, civics— it laid a good foundation for me to teach those subjects later on! I am sure that the “Social Studies” that are taught today are “watered down”. His teaching was straight forward and to the point, made it interesting. We have lost a great man in education. Prayers for family.

barbara wyatt - January 01, 2021 at 11:21 AM

MV

“ *Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Michael Valenzuela - January 01, 2021 at 07:49 AM

DP

“ *Dora Peralta lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Dora Peralta - January 01, 2021 at 07:24 AM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to the family, such a nice man.*



Gloria wood - January 01, 2021 at 07:15 AM

SH

“ *Scott & Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Scott & Jeannie Harris - January 01, 2021 at 12:16 AM

BA

“ *Betsy And Cary Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Wayman Hopkins*



Betsy and Cary Ajeman - December 31, 2020 at 08:53 PM