



James Berry Hopkins Jr.

April 7, 1939 - November 24, 2024

James Berry Hopkins, Jr

Beloved dad, brother and PopPop passed away on November 24, 2024, in Lakeland, Florida at the age of 85. James was born in Orlando, Florida on April 7, 1939, moving to Lakeland as a young child.

Growing up, James's parents owned Hopkins Grocery. It was there that he learned a lot about the meat industry. He started working for Publix starting at the age of 16, starting in the meat department, working his way up through management, retiring after 43 years of service as the Director of Meat Operations.

James proudly served his country in the US Army. James was a charter member of Parkview Baptist Church. He served as a Deacon and taught the young adult Sunday class for many years. He enjoyed playing golf through the years. He also enjoyed bowling in the last few years. James was very competitive in everything he did.

Preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Shirley Jean Harris as well as his parents J.B. and Dora Hopkins.

James will be greatly missed by his son Berry Hopkins, daughter Leslie Davis

and son-in-law Alan, grandsons Gus and Wyatt Davis, and his brother and sister-in-law Clip and Sandy Hopkins and family along with many other nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, November 27th from 10:30-11:00 am with funeral services to begin at 11:00 am, Parkview Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Oakhill Burial Park. All are invited to a reception following the graveside services at Lone Palm Golf Club, 800 Lone Palm Dr, Lakeland, FL 33815.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parkview Baptist Church
509 Parkview Place
Lakeland, FL 33805

Funeral Service

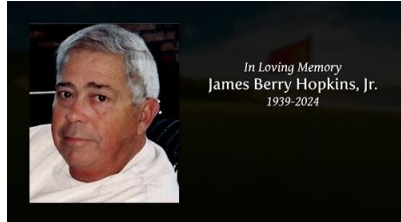
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Parkview Baptist Church
509 Parkview Place
Lakeland, FL 33805

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James Berry Hopkins Jr.



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 26, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JH

I believe he and Shirley are together again. Prayers for Peace and Tranquility

John Harris - November 26, 2024 at 01:55 PM

AH

He was such a special man. I know my daddy taught the 16 year old boys class back in the day. James was in it. He's with Shirley now. Love in Christ. Angie Wells Holm

Angie Holm - November 26, 2024 at 02:49 PM

SS

What a great video, a life well lived. James was a good man. He and Shirley will always hold a special place in my heart from my time at Parkview. Sending my love and prayers to the family and friends who are surely feeling his absence.

Sherry Smith - November 27, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JH

“ As young boys our respective parents always made sure that we three cousins had the opportunity to spend time together whenever possible. We have recently reconnected in our old age and, now my own infirmities leaves me with only my tears to offer as tokens of my love.

John Henderson - December 02, 2024 at 08:09 AM

CF

“ Clip Hopkins & family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Berry Hopkins Jr..



Clip Hopkins & family - November 26, 2024 at 03:19 PM

KD

“ Kevin and Cheryl Dawkins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Berry Hopkins Jr..



Kevin and Cheryl Dawkins - November 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

LL

“ Love and prayers Margarita Lavezzo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Berry Hopkins Jr..



Love and prayers Margarita Lavezzo - November 26, 2024 at 03:07 PM

LL

“ Love and prayers Margarita Lavezzo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Berry Hopkins Jr..

Love and prayers Margarita Lavezzo - November 26, 2024 at 03:07 PM