



## Mr. Leanold "Lee" Hopkins

February 14, 1928 - February 17, 2021

On Wednesday, February 17th, 2021. Lee Hopkins passed away peacefully at home after an extended illness. Lee was born in Tillamook, Oregon on February 14, 1928 to Willie L. and Della May (Solmon) Hopkins.

Lee attributed his direction in life to two people. Mrs. Scythe, a teacher, who encouraged him to leave the dairy farm and to go accomplish greater things with his life and Della Hopkins, his mother, who helped him realize his first milestone by becoming a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University.

After completing college, Lee entered the ministry and moved to Seward, Alaska where he built and pastored the Seward Church of the Nazarene. A severe illness forced his return to Portland for Medical treatment. Once he was able, he returned to pastoring churches in Marsing and Boise, Idaho, and in 1963 built the McCall Idaho Church of the Nazarene. For a number of years, he served as an evangelist for the Church of the Nazarene.

In later years, a dear friend from the Marsing Church introduced him to someone who would become a life-long friend and was a broker in the stock market. Lee made a tough decision to leave the ministry to become a stockbroker. Asked how he explained that decision he would say, "I just went from selling long-term securities to short-term securities."

In 2001, Lee and wife, Lerta, moved to Arlington, Texas to live with their daughter Sharon and to be close to his other daughter, Shirley, his granddaughter, Tamme and all of his great grandchildren.

Lee loved life, family, and friends. He celebrated each with full enthusiasm and with gusto. Most importantly, he served Jesus Christ daily, speaking often of the miracles, protection and love that God had bestowed upon him throughout his life. He never feared death and showed it as he peacefully closed his eyes and went home. In life and death, Lee is a hero and leaves a huge void. But even greater, he serves as an example of the power of God when Jesus actively participates in and is allowed to orchestrate one's life.

Leanold was preceded in death by his father and mother, Willie L and Della May (Solmon) Hopkins, sisters, LaNona Hopkins-Zillig, and Martha J Hopkins and brothers, Glenn Hopkins and Lorenzo Hopkins.

He is survived by wife, Lerta J Hopkins, daughters, Sharon L Hopkins and Shirley L Beachler, granddaughter, Tamme A Thornton, grandson, Kevin Thornton, 4 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren.

Lee requested no services.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family at the passing of Uncle Lee. We thank God for his influence on our lives--and we do rejoice that because of his personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Hope of Glory, Uncle Lee is very much alive today with His Lord and Savior, free from pain and illness.

We are so glad that back in the early 1940's God led Dad and Mom to their first pastorate in Hemlock, Oregon, and that Aunt Lerta (Dad's sister), who was barely a teenager at the time, traveled out from South Dakota to visit them. It was there that she met one of the young boys in the church family, Lee Hopkins, who was to become the love of her life--celebrating 75 years of marriage last year!

Uncle Lee's sense of humor--what puns!--always struck our funny bones, and he was so fun to be around. Although our family was overseas and we didn't get to be together often, it was delightful, when we would be back in the States, to visit Uncle Lee, Aunt Lerta, and Cousins Sharon and Shirley. I remember visiting with them when they pastored in McCall and Marsing, Idaho--and then what a joy during my college years in Nampa to have them just a few blocks away! (We really enjoyed eating, too, at the Sir Richards restaurant he ran! Yummy buffet!) Cousin Sharon and I had so much fun being together at college--and our friendship/kinship continues to be most precious. I would be remiss if I didn't also express my appreciation for all the loving care she has provided to her parents during the many years they have been living with her.

I'll be forever grateful to Sharon and Shirley for bringing Uncle Lee and Aunt Lerta up to Oregon in 2012, in spite of health limitations, for a final visit with Mom and Dad. Precious memories, indeed!

Niece Ginny and Jim York  
Canyonville, Oregon

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