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## Jerry Elbert Hopkins

Cotter, AR, 1938 - 2022



Jerry Elbert Hopkins, 83, of Cotter, Ark., formerly of Shannon Hills, Sheridan, and Little Rock, passed away March 12, 2022, surrounded by family at home.

Born on September 22, 1938, in El Dorado, Ark., Jerry was the son of William Elbert and Ruth Martha (Williams) Hopkins. Jerry served in the U.S. Navy on board the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ticonderoga from 1957-1961. He worked for Parkin Printing & Stationery Company in Little Rock for many years until their close, and retired from Bumper to Bumper Parts Warehouse, Inc., in the '90s. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha Louise (Brown) Hopkins; his daughter, Regina Fay Hill; his brothers, William Hunter Hopkins and James Earl Hopkins; and his sisters, Helen Frances Rowley and Peggy Ann Hopkins.

Jerry is survived by his son, Gerald Thomas Hopkins; daughter-in-law, Sharon (Davis) Hopkins; grandsons, Dalton Thomas and Deven

Ray Hopkins; and his granddaughter, Catherine Faith (Hubbard) McCool.

Anyone who knew Jerry could tell you that he was the most giving and upbeat person they knew; he never had a worry in the world and if you needed a shirt, he would probably give you the one off his back. Jerry could always bring a smile to anyone's face. He enjoyed (more than anything else) golfing, and took pride in his small collection of trophies for losing tournaments. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, talking about and watching the Arkansas Razorbacks, fishing, leaving any place as soon as he was finished eating, regaling anyone who would listen with tales of his naval travels, and duking it out with his buddies in a game of shuffleboard at his beloved VFW Post 9095.

In late December 2021, Jerry was diagnosed with small cell carcinoma, a very rapid-spreading cancer, which he succumbed to. Though we feel our loss strongly, we know that Jerry is where he longed to be, reunited with his wife, Martha, whom he missed greatly after her passing in 2015.

We wish to thank, with our deepest gratitude, Pete and the gang from Hospice of the Ozarks for taking such great care of Jerry in his final days. We would also like to thank Sharon's sister, Karon Powell, family friend, Brenda Klinger, and all others who gave us their help and support during these days.

A graveside service with honors will be held Thursday, March 17, at noon, at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery of North Little Rock. Please use the construction entrance. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kirby & Family Funeral & Cremation Services of Mountain Home, Ark.