



Mr. Moses Clarence Hopkins Jr.

April 24, 1934 - August 9, 2023

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“So, when a great man dies, for years beyond our kin. The light he leaves behind him lies upon the paths of men. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Moses Clarence Hopkins Jr. an only child born to the late Moses C. Hopkins, Sr. and Annie Belle Miles Hopkins. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina on April 24, 1934. He departed this earthly life for his heavenly home on August 9, 2023.

Moses attended Waverly Elementary School, C A Johnson High School, SC State University, Morehouse College and Allen University where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education. Upon graduation Moses used his degree to teach, train, mentor, and save lives. He had a love for the water and sports. Moses was a water renegade; no water task was too difficult.

The love of his life was the late Margaret Laws Hopkins. Although she passed in 2014, for Moses it was just like yesterday, he talked to her everyday as if she was still here. The journey of Moses and Margaret began in high school when he was a football player for CA Johnson High School and she a majorette at Booker T. Washington High School. The two were married in 1957 and were blessed to celebrate 56 years of marriage.

Being an activist for justice, and avid sports enthusiast. Moses’ early work experience encompassed the American Red Cross, Bethlehem Center, and working in his family business Hop’s Spaghetti House where he received the nickname, “Moggetti,” but was known affectionately by all as “Hop”, “Hop Jr”,

“Junior”.

Moses retired from the Department of Juvenile Justice in 1996. After retiring he began working for Long Drugstore, where he continued to help and serve others. Moses worked diligently as a poll worker and later a poll manager. He was a part of the United States Youth Games for many years, Co-founder of Club 24 Social Club, as well as served on several boards throughout Columbia, SC. He loved people and people loved him. He loved to travel, golf, swim, and sponsoring gambling trips, but entertaining his friends and family was his greatest joy, as well as spending time with his loving grandchildren. In addition to his parents Moses, was preceded in death by the love of his life, Margaret L. Hopkins and one grandson, Anthony V. Hopkins.

He leaves to cherish precious memories and preserve his legacy one daughter, Dr. Annette H. McCoy, Columbia, SC: two sons, Anthony V. Hopkins (Sheila), Columbia, SC, and Henry D. Laws (Dr. Penelope), Lithonia, GA; grandsons Moyer, Terrance, Antonio, Lance; granddaughters, Quantina, Dynasty, and Destiny and seventeen (17) great grandchildren.

Moses loved life and lived life to the fullest. Each day was a day to rejoice and although the light of life has come to an end, the journey of eternal life has just begun.

Special thanks to Dr. Bradley Word, a phenomenal man and physician. He has been a blessing throughout the years and forever grateful that he was a part of our lives. Fox Rehabilitation was a Godsend, and we thank them for their commitment and patience. Ivonne Whitmire and Jenna Harris, we are forever grateful to you for always extending a helping hand.

“A father knows his child's heart and a child knows a father's heart. Daddy you were so special, and we are so blessed to have so many beautiful memories of the heart that will remain with us forever.”

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

Receiving Friends

AUG **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

Interment

AUG **21**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Palmetto Cemetery
5050 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Moses Clarence Hopkins Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Zenithia Leak lit a candle in memory of Moses Hopkins*



Zenithia Nutricia Leak - August 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Rip cousin jr.they are going to miss you.love and now you with the others.amen*

Zenithia Nutricia Leak - August 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Hopkins family. I pray God gives you peace and strength during this difficult time.*

Joyce Cannon - August 18, 2023 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ Hop, sending my sincere condolences to you and your family. Hold tight to the memories, and know God’s word will comfort you along the way. Praying for peace that will surpass all understanding.

God Bless,
Sophia Griffin Suber



Sophia G Suber - August 17, 2023 at 06:44 AM

DJ

“ Known mr.Hop my whole life found him to be a mentor man of great wisdom and a friendly spirit



Don Jennings - August 16, 2023 at 03:59 PM

ZL

Miss you cousin jr.i enjoyed our years together. You now with the other heavenly family members.i was not listed but my deeds are in the book of life

Zenithia Nutricia Leak - August 18, 2023 at 05:21 PM