



# Joseph "Phil" Hopkins

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Joseph "Phil" Hopkins, 85, passed away on January 9, 2011. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Josephine Hopkins; brother, Jim Hopkins; and sister, Mary Jane Taylor. Phil is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Mary; son, Joseph "Joe" Philip Hopkins Jr.; daughters, Connie Witler and her husband Bobby, and Nancy Averitt and her husband Edwin; grandchildren David Hopkins, Cassie Witler, and Mandy Witler.

Phil graduated from Oklahoma A&M University in Stillwater, Oklahoma with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Over the years, Phil, Mary and the kids moved 28 times with his job as a successful mechanical engineer. Phil devoted much of his life to helping others and was very active in the Boy Scout program. He was a scoutmaster and served on the Boy Scout Council board. Phil was also a Mason and had received his 50 year pin. His service to others also extended to his church, where he was extremely active and served as an usher for many years until his health would no longer permit him to stand. Phil was in Class #14 of the Pearland Citizens Police Academy and had been active in the alumni association for many years. He was an avid bridge player and enjoyed reading and ballroom dancing. Phil was a wonderful husband, father and Grandpa that will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

A memorial service for Phil will be on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 10:30 am at First United Methodist Church at 2314 North Grand Blvd., Pearland, TX 77581 with Dr. Bob Joiner and Dr. Phyllis Riney officiating.



## Tribute Wall

Joseph "Phil" Hopkins

WR

**Winfred Robinson** posted:

I first met Phil Hopkins in 1963 in the offices of Sverdrup and Parcel in St. Louis, MO. Phil was a great mentor for a young engineer just finding his way in the field of engineering. He was also a great teacher. On one private tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in St. Louis he gave me a great foundation in brewery construction and operation. I last met him in the middle of an intersection in downtown Washington, D.C. where he was directing delivery of concrete sixty feet down to the floor of a new subway station. He was hard to miss! Two years later I replaced him on the subway project so he could go to a brewery construction project in Albany, N.Y. Before he left he gave me a valuable education on the subway project and what I needed to watch out for during the next two years of construction. Phil was a great guy; mild mannered, patient and a lot of fun to be with. Rest in peace, Phil.

January 13 at 7:00 PM

PT

**Paul Taylor** posted:

I'm blessed to have gotten a chance to catch up with Uncle Phil at a family reunion in 2009. It was especially meaningful in that my son Nicholas, a budding genealogist who never got a chance to meet any of his great-grandparents, got to meet both Uncle Phil and his brother Uncle Jim, brothers of Nick's Great-Grandmother Mary Jane Taylor. Uncle Phil was a great man with a great sense of humor. I already miss his e-mails!

January 10 at 7:00 PM

NM

**Nelson Mcclenahan** posted:

Phil was also known as "Tiny" around the Sverdrup Saint Louis office. The man sure could fill a doorway. He was one of the most mild mannered men I have ever known and was respected by all his co-workers. May God bless Phil and all the family.

January 10 at 7:00 PM

AS

**Alf Stole** posted:

I met Phil Hopkins for the first time in Stillwater, Oklahoma. I remember he had a nice motor cycle which I admired very much. Phil and I drove to work together when he lived in Bridgeton. Peace!

January 10 at 7:00 PM



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