



# Norman Paul Hopkins

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**N**orman “Norm” Paul Hopkins, age 80, passed away on January 24, 2026. He was born on August 2, 1945, to Harold and Miriam Hopkins in Ferndale, Michigan.

Norm graduated as class president from Morley Stanwood High School in 1963. He went on to attend Ferris State University from 1963 to 1965, studying Radio and Television Servicing. In 1965, he proudly joined the United States Army, serving his country until 1967.

On August 12, 1972, Norm married the love of his life, Kathleen Ryan. They shared 53 wonderful years together and raised two children who were the center of their world. After retirement, Norm and Kathy enjoyed traveling together, making memories and exploring new places side by side. In their later years, they were often found on the sidelines cheering on their grandchildren at countless softball, baseball, soccer, track, and cross-country events. Family was truly the most important part of Norm’s life.

Norm loved the outdoors and cherished time spent hunting, fishing, golfing, bowling, and playing both slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball. He was a passionate and talented bowler, achieving two perfect 300 games and even earning the opportunity to compete in a televised tournament—an experience he was especially proud of. He enjoyed playing tonk with family and friends in the birthday club. He also found great joy in gardening—especially alongside his brother, Roger Hopkins, on the family farm.

Throughout his working years, Norm was dedicated to construction, working shoulder to shoulder with his brother-in-law, Tom Hanson, and later with his



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nephew, Ryan Hanson.

Norm is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen Hopkins; children, Jeremy (Lisa) Hopkins and Sarah (Andy) Klimek; grandchildren, Adam (Cait) Fisher, Tara (Casey) Moore, Savana Hopkins, Shelby Hopkins, Marcus Klimek, Deagan Klimek, and Ariel Daniel; and great-grandchildren, Laura and Melody.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Harold Hopkins Jr., and grandson, Landon Klimek.

Norm will be remembered for his devotion to family, his strong work ethic, and the joy he found in the simple, meaningful moments of life. His love and influence will live on in all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Trinity Fellowship EFC in Big Rapids. Norm's family will greet friends Wednesday, January 28th at Mohnke Janowicz Funeral Home in Big Rapids, and beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Military honors under the auspices of AmVets Post 1941 and American Legion Post 98. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Veterans Administration.






# Events

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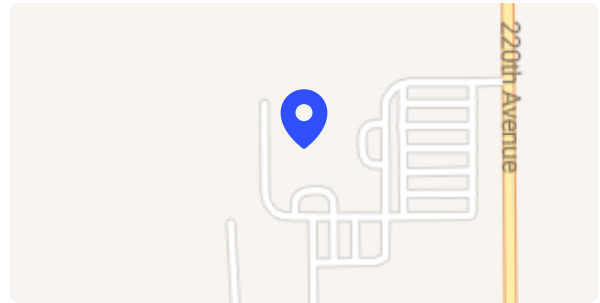
## Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, January 28, 2026
-  4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
-  **Mohnke Janowicz Funeral Home**  
128 S. Warren Ave., Big Rapids MI 49307






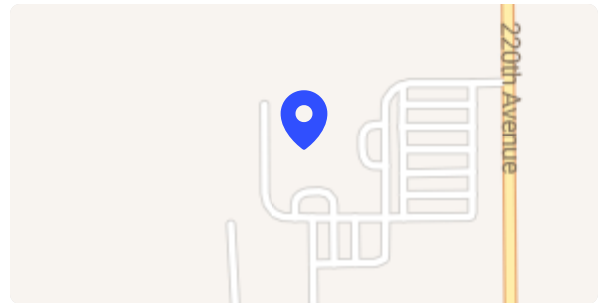
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-  **Thursday**, January 29, 2026
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Trinity Fellowship Church**  
15085 220th Ave., Big Rapids MI 49307



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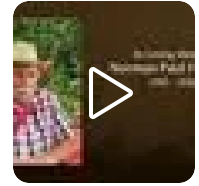
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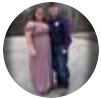
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**Janowicz Family Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



January 28 at 4:27 PM



**Ariel Daniel** posted:

He always loved me, no different from anyone else. He was an amazing grandpa, taught me how to make his famous pancakes when I was a kid. I remember watching him in the kitchen and telling him when to flip the pancakes, we made a good team. I always had the best Christmas at Grandpa Norms and Grandma Kathys house. I sure loved his fresh watermelon and some vegetables from his garden, only some because I was so picky. Grandpa Norm will be dearly missed and forever loved.

January 28 at 2:06 PM



**Ariel** sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Hopkins family.



January 28 at 1:48 PM



**Tracy** posted:

I met Norm a few years ago when he and Tom updated our basement stairs. They both worked so hard and did such a beautiful job. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Those we love must someday pass beyond our present sight, must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light. But we know that like a candle Norm's beautiful light will shine, to brighten up another place more perfect... more divine! And in the realm of Heaven where he shines so warm and bright, Norm will live forevermore in God's eternal light.

January 28 at 11:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hopkins family.



January 28 at 10:43 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hopkins family.



January 28 at 9:26 AM



**Shelby Hopkins** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The day I graduated boot camp. I was very proud to have him there, seeing as how he was a veteran and I looked up to him because of that from a very young age. I'll forever cherish the picture of him embracing me in a hug after we were cut for family day.



January 28 at 2:22 AM



**Sharon Knapp** posted:

Kathy and family: so very sorry to hear of your loss. I have good memories of all the years Steve and Norm bowled together. Steve thought alot of him. Norm was such a nice guy and usually had a smile on his face. I remember he always had his blue drink at the bowling alley, must have been his signature drink. Always in a good mood and a great friend to all the guys...he was a sincere good person, a gentleman. My heart breaks for you...I could see the love and devotion you two had together. May God give you all comfort and strength for the days ahead...it's not easy, but I know he will be in your heart forever. Sending love and hugs; Sharon Knapp

January 27 at 10:17 PM



**Trevor Klimek** posted:

Norm was a stand-up guy. Excepting of all with no judgment of "uniqueness".Genuinely interested in conversation. He was a great father-in-law to my brother, teaching him things we did not learn growing up. He will be missed.

January 27 at 1:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Hopkins family.



January 26 at 7:35 PM



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**The Paulsen Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Norman.



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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