



Mr. Ira Lee Hopson

January 28, 1936 - September 23, 2025

Mr. Ira Lee Hopson, 89, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at 7:30 am on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

Ira was born on January 28, 1936, in Washington, AR to Earl and Bell (Davis) Hopson. He married Janice Johnson in Bloomington, IL in 1982.

Ira worked at Caterpillar, Inc. in Logistics retiring in 2003. He was the neighborhood barber. Ira also had the God given talent as carpenter and mechanic. He was a jack of all trades.

Ira leaves to cherish his most precious memory his devoted wife, Janice Hopson of Peoria, IL; one son, Ira Darryl Hopson of Peoria, IL; one stepson whom he helped raise, Galelen Loveless of Jacksonville, FL; two grandchildren, Darryl (Thanayi) Hopson of Justin, TX and Maurica Washington of Peoria, IL; eleven greatgrandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who adored him. He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Artis Hopson, Earl Hopson and Alfred "Judge" Hopson; one sister, Joella Burton and a great granddaughter, London Hopson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at St. Paul Peoria Church with a visitation at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Deveraux Hubbard, Pastor, will officiate. Ira will be entombed at Historic Springdale Mausoleum.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery Mausoleum

3014 N. Prospect Road
PEORIA, IL 61603
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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Hopson*



Simons Mortuary - September 29, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ira Lee Hopson*



Simons Mortuary - September 24, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JK

“ *I was very sorry to read about Ira's passing. When I was a kid, he was our neighbor. He was always kind and considerate. I was happy to see him later in life, as a member of St. Paul. He and my husband James talked a lot. We found out he lived nearby when we lived on Nebraska. Your family has our condolences and prayers. He will be truly missed and fondly remembered.*



James & Vickie King - October 12, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Arriving at Historic Springdale Mausoleum*



Simons Mortuary - October 06, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Entombment at Historic Springdale Mausoleum*



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“ *Darlene Ann Horton lit a candle in memory of Ira Hopson*



Darlene Ann Horton - October 02, 2025 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mr Hopson was one of our neighborhood Dads...who cut our hair and gave us wise counsel while he had us in his chair. May God receive him into the next phase of life.*

Mark E Lampkin - September 30, 2025 at 01:47 PM

DA

“ You were the real deal Uncle Ira Dennis Abner

DE Abner - September 27, 2025 at 04:09 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ira Hopson



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - September 25, 2025 at 05:03 PM

PB

“ Sending Prayers and Condolences to Janice (Hurlburt St Friend) and the Family.

Phyllis Hightower Bartlett 🙏❤️

Phyllis Hightower Bartlett - September 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM

RG

“ Cuzin Ira is the 1st cuzin of my mom. He and Cuzin Alfred use to come to Hope Arkansas and visit. They had other family here but, they always came to see my mom. He was always soft spoken and very handsome. (it runs in our family). My heart goes out to our family. May the Lord lift your bowed down heads.., wipe your tears, and ease your pain. Remember the years that God allowed you to enjoy him. Been there. It's not easy but time and prayer will heal. Love y'all family and we are praying for you❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



Riley and Lorraine Reed- Grigsby - September 24, 2025 at 09:26 PM