

Theodore Mark "Ted" Hopkins was one of the fourteen children born to the union of Donald James (1902-1988) and Alice (Truman) (1905-1986)

Hopkins. Ted, born 2 January 1926, Eaton County, Michigan, attended

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Promotions to hospital apprentice second class were granted to two Lansing Bluejackets in recent graduation ceremonies at the hospital corps school at Great Lakes, Ill. The men are: Theodore Hopkins, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Hopkins, R. 2, and Clifford Edwards, 26, 309 Allen street. The men will continue their training at other hospitals be-

Okemos High School but quit to join the US

Navy, serving during World War II from

1943-1946. At the time of honorable

discharge July 1946 he was ranked as a

Petty Officer 3rd Class. Ted returned home

and to school graduating with the class of

1948 from Okemos High School. His school

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nickname was "Deacon."

Ted went on to further his education at Taylor University, Upland, Grant County, Indiana. Recalled to active military duty in 1950, Ted served during the Korean Conflict.

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Okemos Church News (Special to The State Journal)

OKEMOS, June 29 — Another local young man who is anticipating full time Christian service will be speaking at the mid-week prayer service. Theodore Hopkins is home from Taylor university, Upland, Ind., and plans to work here this summer and return to Taylor university in the fall.

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Theodore M. Hopkins, R. 2, Lansing, says prayers during a baptismal service at a Korean marine command post. Hospitalman Hopkins is a theological student, who in addition to his regular duties is assistant chaplain. Others in the picture are Chaplain (Lt. Comdr.) John E. Hollingsworth (center) and Corp. Curtiss Caldwell.

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Ted met his future wife, Ruth Allspaw at Taylor University. The couple married 10 October 1954 and celebrated 57 years and 4 children together. Ruth, born 24 November 1930, Indiana, died 7 December 2013, Wayne County, Iowa. Rev. Theodore Hopkins died 8 May 2012, Wayne County. Ted and Ruth were interred under one headstone in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, Marion County, Iowa.

Unknown source:

Theodore "Ted" Hopkins was born in Vermontville, Michigan, January 2, 1926, and went home to be with his Heavenly Father May 8, 2012, in Corydon, Iowa, at the age of 86. Ted was the oldest of 14 children of Donald and Alice Truman Hopkins. He is survived by eleven of his siblings.

On October 10, 1954, Ted was united in marriage to Ruth Allspaw. Four children were born to this union: Sarah Olson, Phoebe Hopkins, Martha (Lynn) Quackenbush, and Rebekah (Martin) Thompson.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and four daughters. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Eric (Carla) Olson, Maria Olson, Sarah Ruth Hopkins (James Silver), John (Simone) Chapman, Mary Beth Chapman, and Katie Thompson. He also has four great-grandchildren. Gwendolyn Hopkins, Evan Olson, and Marlena and Collette Chapman.

Service 2 pm 5/12/2012 at Corydon Baptist Church. Burial in Pleasantville Cemetery. Memorials to the family.