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William Raymond Hopkins, my beloved husband left this earth after a brief, but difficult battle with cancer. A fighter until the end, he passed away on March 7, 2023 at the age of 68. Raymond requested a cremation and that his ashes be spread in one of our favorite spots. A celebration of life will be held, the date to be determined.

Raymond is survived by his loving wife Linda Henry, his sister Roxanna and brother James. He is predeceased by his parents William and Barbara Hopkins.

After graduating from high school, Raymond proudly served his country with his service in the Coast Guard and with a long career in the Federal government.

Raymond met his wife in high school and was married to her over 44 years. His love for her was endless and the bond between them unbreakable and he knew this to be the same from his wife. Raymond loved his wife more than anything but he also loved his family and friends. He enjoyed many things but to make people laugh, make them happy, that was truly one of his favorite things. The people who knew Raymond would agree that:

- His smile brightened a room
- His laugh was contagious
- His eyes were captivating
- His heart flowed with love
- His easy-going style gave calmness
- His support gave courage
- A life with more to give
- A life that was well lived

The family is grateful for your prayers, support, and kindness. Thank you.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a denotation on Raymond's behalf to the National Park



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Foundation, the Maryland Food Bank, or a charity of your choice.



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TR

Tracy posted:

Ray, you are missed...Early morning texting, until it was time to entice Linda out of bed with a morning cup of coffee. Always a story tell, an adventure to share! Occasions around fire pits swapping "kitchen war wounds", and sharing recipes/techniques. First you were a good neighbor; glad we became great friends!! Buddhist saying "Pain in life is inevitable, but suffering is optional." We will try not to suffer, we will share in the memories!!!

April 23 at 1:01 PM

DI

Diane posted:

Every time we have driveway happy hour or a fire in the front, we will raise a glass to Ray. RIP neighbor. Hugs and prayers for Linda.Gavin and Diane

April 5 at 4:47 AM

DE

Diane Elmore posted:

We met Linda and Ray through our friends, Jim and Judy. Linda and Judy met in high school. Ray always had a smile not only on his face but in his eyes. One of my fondest memories of Ray was at a party we had at our house. We had many friends and family, including my parents, who were probably in their 80's at the time. My mother was talking to Ray and neither of them had the best hearing. My mother came to me and said something like, who is that guy named Larry. I said that there's no one here name Larry, show me who you are talking about. She pointed to Ray. To this day, I don't know if he told her that was his name as a joke or she heard him wrong, but from that day forward, we referred to them as Linda and Larry.We know you will miss Ray. Hold on to all those happy memories and the fun things you did together.Diane and Jerry Elmore

March 31 at 5:59 AM

MK

Mel Kessler posted:

Ray was a great neighbor and loved to chat about his days in the service. He always had a friendly "hello" and "how are you". I will miss his big smile and wave as I drive down the street. RIP Ray.

March 27 at 3:14 PM



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WH

William Howery posted:

We met Linda and Ray 25 years ago and formed a wonderful and long friendship. We traveled and had many fun times together. Ray was a caring and kind man. He loved to laugh. Linda was his best friend and the love of his life. Ray will always have a special place in our hearts forever and he will be missed. Bill and Susan Howery

March 23 at 8:27 AM

JS

Joey Salomone posted:

My deepest condolences to Linda and the whole Hopkins family. Even though I hadn't seen my cousin Ray in well over 20 yrs, I can only imagine he was the same guy I remember. See you on the other side, Ray.

March 19 at 3:59 AM

MA

Mary posted:

Ray, My Birthday Twin Ray and I were born the same day, the same year: October 19, 1954. Bob and I met Linda and Ray not long after we moved from Chicago, Illinois to Maryland. These newlyweds had the apartment above us in Seabrook on Good Luck Road! We had only been married a few years as well. But it was not luck, but rather a blessing that we came to know Linda and Ray over 44 years ago! We were all very young and fun-loving, enjoying much laughter and friendship. Ray and I, the "birth twins" discovered that we were both very good at picking things up with our feet. But both Bob and Linda recall that we could also pinch our spouses with our toes! When we wanted to signal a "hello" to the other couple, we would tap on the medal pole in our apartments. The sound rang into the apartment above/below. Not too far into our friendship, Ray was diagnosed with a brain tumor. We watched Ray's upbeat fortitude in fighting the illness, and we all prayed for his healing. Of course Ray was blessed with decades of good health. We referred to him as "the Miracle Man." We have been living in Pennsylvania for many years, and our son just began his seminary studies in Theology this year in Baltimore. We were recently able to combine a visit with Peter for a seminary event, and a visit to Ray and Linda - truly a gift from the Hand of Our Lord. It was a sense of coming "full circle" with Ray and Linda, and a very blessed visit that we will always remember. Ray passed into eternal life only a week later. We are so thankful that the Lord brought us all together back in the early days, and most recently in a friendship that could always just pick up where it left off. Know of our continued prayers and support, Linda. May faith, family, friends and beautiful memories always bring you comfort and peace. Love and blessings, Bob and Mary

March 18 at 12:00 PM



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SY

Sharon A. Yutzy posted:

Hi - I'm Linda's cousin, Sharon. Dale is my husband. We enjoyed times spent with Linda and Ray. We all had a lot of fun at Henry family gatherings. Except for one occasion, I remember Ray as being soft spoken. Dale and I had received four tickets to an Orioles baseball game and we invited Linda and Ray. This was during the time that Wade Boggs was controversial. The O's happened to be playing Boggs' team. When Boggs came up, Ray started yelling at him. I never knew Ray could yell that loud. Despite the distance and noise of the stadium, I know Boggs heard him because he looked right at us. All we could do was smile and say, "That's Raymond!" He was unique and we will miss him.

March 18 at 8:21 AM

JD

James Dever March 21 at 1:43 PM

I went to high school with Ray and have known him for over 50 years. Talking to him got louder later in life it was always fun to hear his answers to the wrong question. I will miss him and his funny answers. Linda I sorry for your loss. Jim Dever

JH

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



This is more about the remarkable love story of Ray & Linda. They met at Duval High School in Glenn Dale, MD. Linda was an Army brat and raised all over. Fate somehow brought these two love birds together. After high school, Ray joined the USCG at the age of 17. He was, among other duties, "Radar" to his Captain while stationed in NYC. Ray served 4 years and after his release, he was sort of "finding his way". Ray worked a few different jobs, including one at a gas station in Greenbelt. In November of 1976 Ray and I, along with a couple of our rowdy friends went to see Frank Zappa at the Capital Centre. Frank was introducing the next tune that involved a tale of joining the service, and when you get out, you wind up working in a gas station. Wait, WHAT?! Ray and the rest of us let out a huge cheer! Soon after, Linda would marry the captain's secretary and join the Howard County Police force. You can't make this stuff up. Ray and Linda were the proverbial two peas in a pod! Soul mates to the Nth degree. I will miss my brother, but my thoughts are 1st and foremost with my Sister In Law. Rest In Peace Brother.

March 18 at 5:17 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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