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A Life of Devotion, History, and Quiet Strength

Robert Andrew Hopkins, a man of deep intellect, unwavering loyalty, and a gentle heart, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2026, after a courageous battle with bladder cancer. Known to his family as Rob, he was a steady and grounding presence in his community—a man who valued his privacy but offered profound warmth to the select few who shared his world.

The Roots of a Historian

Though born in Washington, D.C., Robert was a Marylander at heart, having spent nearly his entire life in the state. He graduated from Atholton High School in 1970, where he was known to his classmates and friends as Bob. He went on to attend Frostburg State College to study history, a time that served as a foundational chapter of his life. At Frostburg, he was affectionately known as Hoppy by his friends and fraternity brothers. He spoke with great fondness of the academic pursuits that sparked a lifelong passion for the past and found great joy in recent years reconnecting with his Sigma Tau Gamma brothers to revisit the stories of their youth.

Community and Connection

Robert's character was best defined by his devotion to others. He stood

steadfastly by his mother's side throughout her battle with cancer, providing care and comfort with a selflessness that was a hallmark of his nature. Throughout most of his adulthood, he was known simply as Hop. A man who preferred the company of neighbors and the rhythm of his community, he spent many years in various service-related roles, including local convenience stores and packaged goods shops. He didn't just work these jobs; he occupied them with a genuine interest in the people he met. He became a familiar, friendly face to many, quietly gathering the stories of his community and recounting them later with great affection. In his later years, Triple Nines in Elkridge continued to be a favorite local hangout where he could be found enjoying his favorite sandwiches and the steady comfort of good company.

A Scholar and Collector

Robert possessed a brilliant and specialized mind. He was a true expert on World War II, possessing a vast knowledge of the era's complexities. This love for history extended to his hobby of coin collecting. To Robert, coins were not merely currency but beautiful artifacts of historical context, and he delighted in sharing the "hidden beauty" of his collection with those close to him.

The Quiet Companion

In his later years, Robert found great contentment in the peace of his home. While a private man, he was a fiercely loyal friend to the few people and pets in his inner circle. He became a trusted sanctuary for the dogs of longtime friends and neighbors, often arranging his own schedule to ensure they were cared for while their families traveled.

Whether spending time inside or enjoying a quiet moment on his porch, he sought no reward other than the simple comfort of their company. He was always willing to watch a pup in need, and those four-legged friends instinctively recognized the gentle spirit and genuine heart of the man who looked after them so well.

Family and Reunion

Robert was preceded in death by his beloved mother and father, and his longtime love, Nancy, whom he held dear in his heart throughout his life. He is survived by his two brothers, David Hopkins (Susan) and Christian Hopkins (Laurie), all of Washington state.

Robert's life was a reminder that a life well-lived is defined by consistency, loyalty, and the quiet kindness shown to a neighbor or a friend on four legs. Whether he was remembered as Rob, Bob, Hoppy, or Hop, he will be deeply missed by the humans he held close and the dogs who will still look for him on his porch.

Celebration of Life

A celebration of Robert's life will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Triple Nines in Elkridge, MD. Family and friends are invited to gather, share a sandwich, and trade stories in his honor.

In Lieu of Flowers

In honor of Bob's deep love for animals and his final wishes, memorial donations may be made to Reach Out Rescue & Resources.

Online: <https://www.reachoutrescue.org/>

By Mail: Reach Out Rescue

P.O. Box 542

Westminster, MD 21158

Please include "In Memory of Robert Hopkins" with your gift.

Tribute Wall

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“ We had the true pleasure of getting to know Bob through our son and daughter (Brent and Nakia) during several trips to MD. We witnessed first-hand Bob's bright personality and love for Marley and our Louie. Bob was a joy to be around and will be deeply missed by everyone. We are sure that a piece of his heart has crossed over the rainbow bridge and joyfully reunite Bob with all his past furry friends who were awaiting his arrival! RIP Bob

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