



Dr George C. Hopkins

February 3, 1921 - February 12, 2018

Dr. George C. Hopkins, a native of St. Augustine and the city's first pediatrician, passed away on February 12, 2018 at the age of 97. Born February 3, 1921, Dr. Hopkins dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. Family and friends – who knew him as “Doc” or “Hoppe” – take solace in fond memories of his passion for life, unwavering faith, and deep love of the beaches and ocean he called home.

After graduating from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, Dr. Hopkins earned his MD from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following his internship, Dr. Hopkins served his country during World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan where he would meet Anna Beall, his bride of 52 years. After the war, they moved to North Carolina, where Dr. Hopkins completed his pediatric residency at Duke University.

Dr. Hopkins established his practice in St. Augustine in 1951. For 23 years, he was the only pediatrician in St. Augustine and the surrounding counties. He devoted his career to the children and families of the St. Augustine area, often providing care for little or no charge to those in need. He established Flagler Hospital's first newborn nursery and served as Medical Director for St. Johns and Flagler counties for many years. He was an active member and leader of numerous local and national medical organizations, serving as the pediatric consultant for the state of Florida for 10 years. Dr. Hopkins was especially proud to serve for 20 years as the physician for the Florida State School for the Deaf and Blind.

In addition to being a highly respected physician, Dr. Hopkins served his community outside of the hospital as a Director at Security First Federal Savings & Loan Association for 37 years, a board member for the St. Johns County School Board, the YMCA, and numerous other charitable and civic organizations. He was once recognized as “Outstanding Young Man of St. Johns County.”

His many friends, patients, and family members knew Doc/Hoppe to be a man of his word, a loyal friend, a true gentleman, a world traveler, full of riddles and lessons for his grandchildren, and the life of every party. His passion for the natural world was infectious, and he lived by the ocean nearly all the days of his life. He had a strong and unwavering Christian faith and belonged to Ancient City Baptist Church his entire life, where he served

as a member, teacher, Deacon and on the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hopkins is preceded in death by his wife, Ann. He is survived by his four children - Forrest Sturm (Art) of Chicago; Gail Schinka (John) of Tampa; G. Timothy Hopkins (Susie) of Orange Park, and Thomas C. Hopkins (Robin) of Jacksonville - his seven grandchildren – Christy Harowski, Katie Leventhal, John Schinka, Rachel Hopkins, Christopher Sturm, Laura Lee Sturm, and Aynslee Hopkins - and his three great-grandchildren - Henry, Couper and Benjamin Harowksi.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Leonora Stoddard and is survived her children, Beverly Koch (Mike) of Ponte Vedra, Douglas Lee Courtland of Durham NC, and Dan Stoddard of Kennebunk, Maine. Many other special nieces and nephews will also mourn his passing.

Memorial Service for GEORGE C. HOPKINS will be Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00am at the Ancient City Baptist Church; 27 Sevilla Street, St. Augustine, Florida. Flowers are gratefully accepted, but preference is for donations to the Whitney Laboratory for Marine Science or the Volusia Flagler Turtle Patrol. Gentleman, please sport a bow-tie

Whitney Lab 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd. St. Augustine, FL 32080-8610
www.ufl.edu/give-now/?fund_id=003567

Volusia Turtle Patrol 4738 S. Peninsula Drive Ponce Inlet, FL 32127
<http://www.turtlepatrol.com/how-can-i-help.html>

Events

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Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla Street, St. Augustine, US, 32084

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr George C. Hopkins.



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“ I still remember fondly the wonderful day I spent with Leonora Stoddard. I drove the 2 of us down to "Uncle" George's condo, then enjoyed the beautiful views from the balconies there, having lunch and listening to these two awesome people laughing and sharing their memories of childhood in St. Augustine. A brother and sister who truly loved and cared deeply for one another, and shared that love and care with everyone they came in contact with, bringing you into their circle, making you feel like family. I was blessed to have known both of them!! And to know their children.
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