



Tommye Jean Hopkins

February 4, 1951 - October 14, 2025

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Tommye Jean Hopkins, 74, was transported by the angels into Heaven to meet her Lord and Savior after a nine-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Tommye was born February 4, 1951 in Wood River, IL the daughter of the late Edward "Kokie" and June (Tomlinson) Kochersperger. She was the great great granddaughter of the first mayor of East Alton, IL, David Tomlinson. Tommye was the great granddaughter of George Tomlinson, the famous blacksmith and horse trainer of Alton, IL. Tommye was a member of First Baptist Church in Brighton, IL. She enjoyed genealogy, embroidering, camping and fishing. She was a preschool teacher at Mississippi Valley Christian School and a Sunday school teacher for 25 years. On October 17, 1970 in Alton, she married Robert Hopkins, and he survives. They enjoyed three days shy of fifty-five years of marriage. Also surviving are four children, Brian Hopkins, Nikki (Lyle) Kern, Kaye (Wayne) Snyder, and Sarah (John) Eyer, eight grandchildren, Zachary (Lauren) Kern, Joshua (Megan) Kern, Jacob Hopkins, Emily Auten, Seth Auten, Blake Eyer, Mackenzie (Isaiah) Cross and Russell Hopkins, great grandchildren, Jack and Wyatt Kern, Mallory and Luke Kern, one sister, Terry Klopfer, one niece, Kelly (Richard) McCreary and one great niece, Adie McCreary. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Autumn Lynn Hopkins. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Brighton, IL.

Burial will be at Godfrey Cemetery. Pastor Don Letson will officiate. Memorials maybe made to Siteman Ovarian Cancer Center or First Baptist Church in Brighton, IL. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Brighton
304 N Maple St
Brighton, IL 62012
(618) 372-3201

Funeral

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM.

First Baptist Church
Brighton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tommye Jean Hopkins.* ”



October 24, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tommye Jean Hopkins.* ”



October 24, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Your family at WWT purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tommye Jean Hopkins.* ”



Your family at WWT - October 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ross, Rossie, Tina, Roger & Mary Hopkins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tommye Jean Hopkins.* ”



Ross, Rossie, Tina, Roger & Mary Hopkins - October 16, 2025 at 12:27 PM

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“ *Tommye and I went to East Jr High and Alton Senior High together. All those years, we shared the deepest secrets and the heartiest laughs. She was the best friend anyone would ever want. We stayed in touch through the years via social media and emails. The miles between made it hard to keep track of each other. I know she is looking upon us and not wanting tears, just smiles of all the great memories.*

*Your friend,
Kathy Keene*

Kathy Keene - October 15, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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Sending my deepest sympathies to Bob an his family.I've known Tommye for a long time an she was always a super nice person. Becky "Cunningham" Keene

Becky Keene - October 17, 2025 at 12:58 AM

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I met Tommye at first baptist church brighton il. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I'm sure going to miss her. Prayers for Bob and children

Sharon Wood - October 23, 2025 at 10:46 AM