



Bonnie Aliff Hopkins

July 11, 1932 - February 19, 2020

Bonnie Aliff Hopkins, of Bluefield, WV, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the age of 87 following a short illness. Born on July 11, 1932, in Keystone, WV, she was the daughter of the late Emory B. Aliff Sr. and Nell N. Aliff of Bluefield.

She was a 1950 graduate of Beaver High School and a 1954 graduate of Concord College (now University); she also received her master of music education degree from Marshall University. A renowned first soprano, she began her career in music singing in the Bluefield High School acapella choir at the age of 12. While at Concord College, she had lead roles in many productions including Madame Butterfly, Pirates of Penzance and Impatience, among others. She was also an accomplished pianist and violinist.

Bonnie was employed by the Mercer County Board of Education for 37 years as a teacher of music and choir director. She taught at Fairview Junior High for 30 years until its closing and then served for 7 years at Bluefield Junior High before retiring in 1989. She also served as Director of Coral Music for the state of West Virginia for more than 20 years.

Known for her beautiful, yet powerful first soprano voice, Bonnie shared her talents singing in the Flat Top Chorus, Songs of Season and the Bland Street United Methodist Church Choir where she was a member for more than 80 years. It would not have been Christmas without Bonnie singing "Oh Holy Night," at the churches annual Christmas Eve service. She also regularly soloed for the Riley-Vest Post, American Legion and the Bluefield Lions Club.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, the late A.A. Hopkins Jr., her twin brother Emory B. Aliff Jr. and her sister Nancy Aliff Webster. She is survived by her brother, David R. Aliff Sr. of Pomfret, Maryland, and her sons, Stephen L. Hopkins of Grantham, NH and Christopher D. Hopkins (Karen), of Auburn AL, her dear friend and care giver, Gay Smith of Bluefield, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Bonnie Aliff Hopkins will be held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield. Friends may visit with the family from 12:00 P.M. until the service hour at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in memory of Bonnie A. Hopkins to the Riley-Vest Post 9, American Legion, 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV 24701. Members of Riley-Vest Post of the American Legion will be serving as pallbearers. The Hopkins family is being served by Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701


Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)


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Tribute Wall

ME “ *Melissa lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*



Melissa - September 27, 2024 at 09:49 PM

 “ *Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

RO “ *A beautiful lady inside and out. She raised two great sons as well. I'm thinking of you and sending good thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

Robin Workman Bizzigotti

Robin - February 24, 2020 at 10:19 PM

ME *Today, I had Mrs. Hopkins on my mind, and I was so sad to discover that she has passed. What an amazing, talented lady who had a serious impact on so many of her students, especially me. I loved her so much. What a talent she was! I feel so blessed to have known her. She was an amazing woman, introducing me to the comprehensive world of music. To her wonderful sons, you were so blessed to have her for a mother. She was easily my favorite teacher throughout my school years. My heart is sorrowful to learn of her passing... a generational inspiration. She was incomparable. The world has lost an angel. :(*

Melissa - September 27, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*.



February 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Bob and Sandy Hood* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*.



Bob and Sandy Hood - February 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Timothy J Webster* purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of *Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*.



Timothy J Webster - February 24, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*.



February 24, 2020 at 07:59 AM

PA

“ *Patsy Arnold lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Aliff Hopkins*



Patsy Arnold - February 23, 2020 at 08:01 PM

PA

Stephen, Chris and family. You are in my thoughts, Your mom was such a beautiful and talented lady, Love and Prayers

Patsy Arnold - February 23, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MB

“ *I vividly remember Mrs. Hopkins from Fairview Junior High School. She had a great figure and always dressed so pretty. I wore a brown shirt with all different colors of “smiley” faces on them , which were popular at that time. She loved that shirt and complemented me on it every time I wore it!*

Mary Pat Meade- Bullins - February 23, 2020 at 06:25 PM