



**HMCS(SS) Robert Franklin Hopkins**  
Eternal Patrol on **April 5, 2024**

Robert "Hop" Franklin Hopkins, 87, of Rockwell, passed away Friday, April 5, 2024 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in Salisbury, NC.

He was born December 12, 1936 in Albemarle, NC to the late Lonnie Ray Hopkins and Essie Mae Canup Hopkins. In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Marianne Welch. Robert was raised in Rockwell and graduated from Rockwell High School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1956 and served for 30 years before retiring. Twelve of those years were spent on submarine duty. Robert lived in Charleston, SC for 27 years before returning to Rockwell in 1986 where he went to work for GE of Salisbury for 10 years. Once he retired from GE, he enjoyed woodworking and stained glass. He loved to travel the world, go on mission trips, and American Legion baseball. Robert was a member of the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard, past Post Commander of Rockwell AmVets Post 845 and a member of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle. He loved more than anything to spend time with his family and friends and will be missed by all who loved him.

Robert is survived by his wife, Carole Anne Daniel Hopkins, whom he married December 27, 1959; four sons, Robert F. Hopkins Jr. and wife Denise of Rockwell, NC, Michael D. Hopkins and wife JoAnn of Rockwell, NC, William "Bill" R. Hopkins and wife Tara of Salisbury, NC, Perry A. Hopkins and wife Deborah of Peachtree Corners, GA; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family will greet friends and relatives on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Powles Staton Funeral Home, Rockwell, NC.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Salisbury, NC with Pastor Steve Holshouser officiating. Burial will take place in the Salisbury National Cemetery at 10:00 am on Friday, April 19, 2023 with Military Honors provided by the Navy and Rowan County Veteran Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, 3760 Stokes Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC.

Powles Staton Funeral Home of Rockwell, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, is assisting the Hopkins family. Online condolences may be made at [www.powlesfuneralhome.com](http://www.powlesfuneralhome.com).



## Robert F. Hopkins , HMCS(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine Qualified  
50 years ago

### Personal Information

Nickname	Doc
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	
Address	
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Deceased	Yes <b>Date went on Eternal Patrol:</b> 4/5/2024
Doing Now	Member NC Baptist men Disaster Relief Team, volunteer Veterans Hospital, Salisbury Member Rowan County Military Honor Guard Commander AMVETS Post 845 Rockwell
Status	Changed on: 4/7/2024 Updated by Charles L. Jensen (chuck-focc@triad.rr.com)

### US Navy Service Information







Years Served	Joined in 1957 left in 1986
Highest Rank - Rate	E8 - HMCS(SS)
Service Number	
USN Retired	Yes in 1986
Naval Service Highlights	Retired with over 30 yrs active service. Qualified in Submarines 1968. SSBN 644 Completed 12 Polaris deterrent Patrols Awards: Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal(5), Navy Unit Commendation. and MUC. NEC 5402
Ships Served On	AD-24, SSBN-644, SSN-669, SSBN-598, SSBN-624, AS-34

### Membership in the USSVI




Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 1/11/2003
Primary Base	Nat Greene
Member Type	<b>Holland Club</b> <b>Life Member</b> since 1/11/2003
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1968 on the USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644)
Dual Membership	CAROLINA PIEDMONT, CHARLESTON

### Membership in Nat Greene Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on: 7/24/2010
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 1/11/2003 <b>Holland Club</b> <b>Life Member</b> since 1/11/2003
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1968 on the USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644)
Other Assn's	USSVI, USSVI-CAROLINA PIEDMONT, USSVI-CHARLESTON, USSVI-NAT GREENE

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
AD-24 	Everglades	HM2	1959-61		H Div
SSBN-644 	Levis and Clark	HMC(SS)	1966-70	05/66 to 12/70	
SSN-660 	Seahorse	HMC(SS)	1970-71	12/70 to 12/71	
SSBN-588 	George Washington	HMC(SS)	1971-72	12/71 to 12/72	
SSBN-588-614 	Woodrow Wilson	HMCs(SS)	1974-78	12/74 to 12/78	
AS-34 	Canopus	HMCs(SS)	1978-82	12/78 to 7/82 Admin Officer H-Div	

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties
Naval Hospital	San Diego, CA	HN7	1957-57	Student A School
NAS	Kingsville, TX	HM3	1957-58	Search and Rescue, Auxiliary Landing Field Alice, Texas
Naval Hospital	Charleston, SC	HM2/1	1962-64	Patient Affairs Decedent Affairs
Naval Hospital	Portsmouth, VA	HM1	1965-65	Student B School
Submarine Base	New London, CT	HMC	1965-66	Student Nuclear Medicine, Submarine Medicine, Basic Submarine School
Navy Marine Corps Reserve Training Center	New Orleans, LA	HMCSS	1972-74	4th Marine Division Medical Dept Rep Casualty Calls
SUBRON 18	Charleston, SC	HMCs(SS)	1982-86	Inspection Team, Radiation Health Audits
Naval Hospital	Charleston, SC	HMCs(SS)	1984-86	Admin Assistant Operating Management Department

Nickname	Association Name	Joined
USSVI-CAROLINA PIEDMONT 	USSVI Base - Carolina Piedmont	2008
USSVI-CHARLESTON 	USSVI Base - Charleston	2003
USSVI-NAT GREENE 	USSVI Base - Nat Greene	2010