



Leigh Patrick Hopp

September 28, 1931 - March 12, 2025

Leigh Patrick Hopp, 93, of Manassas, Virginia, formerly of Bumpass, Virginia, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday evening, March 12, 2025.

Leigh Patrick Hopp was born September 28, 1931, to Florence Kathryn Bedessem Hopp and Leigh Percy Hopp in Brookings, South Dakota. His father was a Captain in the U.S. Army and settled in Carthage, Missouri. Leigh graduated from Carthage High School and attended Joplin Junior College.

In July 1950, at the start of the Korean War, he enlisted and began his 30-year career with the U.S. Army. During these 30-years he wore many hats. After basic training at Fort Riley Kansas, he was selected to remain in the unit as cadre personnel. He advanced quickly to the rank of Sergeant and was an instructor in basic infantry. Later he was reassigned to Korea and led a 12-man infantry squad in combat. After the war he started his law enforcement career as a Military Policeman and then as an Investigator with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

While at Fort Crowder Missouri, he met his first wife Monica Lee Elliff and started his family. His daughters Pam and Patty were born in Fort Riley Kansas in 1959 and 1961. His son John was born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1966.

Leigh was sent to the Republic of Vietnam in 1969 where he directed and coordinated all criminal investigations for the Long Binh Complex and surrounding area. Upon returning in 1970, he moved his family to Fairfax, Virginia. He finished his military career as a Chief Investigator of the CID, retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4).

Leigh continued serving his country for the next 13 years working for the U.S. Treasury and Department of Defense.

In 1979 he married his second wife Sarah Frances Floyd Saylor Hopp and gained a new family. Leigh and Sarah retired to their beloved Lake Anna, Virginia where they built their dream home. He loved going out in his boat, working in his yard, cooking and hosting many parties for friends and family. He absolutely loved to entertain and was the most gracious of all hosts.

Leigh is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Sarah of 43 years.

Survivors include daughters Pamela Perez (Mark) of Annandale, Va; Patty Creel (Albert) of Manassas, Va; son John Hopp of Manassas, Va; stepchildren Kevin Saylor (Laura) of Bealton, Tx; and Kim Maupin (Rob) of Blue Ridge, Va; grandchildren Michelle Rizzo (Maxime), Matthew Perez (Katie), Jesse Creel (Jacki), Andrew Creel (Katherine), John Hopp Jr., Kylie Greybill (Tom), Carrie Lanning (Bob), Chris Maupin (Becky), Sara Maupin; and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be on Thursday, March 27, 2025, 10:30am at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, Virginia. Burial will be conducted at Arlington Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the United Service Organization (USO), Salvation Army or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave
Arlington, VA 22211
(877) 907-8585

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Ann Dorwart lit a candle in memory of Leigh Patrick Hopp*



Mary Ann Dorwart - March 29, 2025 at 02:30 PM