



Lambert F. Hopken

September 23, 1928 - December 20, 2019

A Funeral Service for Lambert will be held on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ. Pastor Stuart Davis will officiate the service.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held at the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Memorials are suggested to the Geneva Rescue Squad or the Geneva Legion Baseball program.

Lambert Frederick Hopken was born on September 23, 1928 at the family home two miles north of Ohiowa, NE to Bernard and Ella (Wolfteich) Hopken. He passed away December 20, 2019 at Morton Place in Nebraska City, NE. He was baptized March 10, 1929 at the Lutheran Church south of Ohiowa. He was confirmed April 18, 1943 in Shickley, NE. He attended country schools at Ohiowa, Strang, and Martland through the 10th grade. Lambert graduated from Geneva High School in 1946. He helped with the family farming and farmed some for himself. During WWII, he played baseball with the Geneva Legion. After Legion baseball, he was then able to play town team baseball.

Lambert was drafted into the US Army on June 20, 1951 during the Korean War. (Lambert said it was a War not a Conflict). He received Basic Training at Fort Knox Kentucky with the 32nd tank battalion. After 16 weeks of Basic Training, and 8 weeks of Leadership school, he was sent to Korea on January 12, 1952. While with the 89th tank battalion, attached to the 25th Infantry, there was a need of a clerk typist and Lambert knew how to type. He was then sent to Seoul the next day. After serving 14 months overseas, he was sent to Camp Carson Colorado and given an Honorable discharge on May 28, 1953. He received the Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal (with 2 overseas bars), Good Conduct Medal, and earned the rank of Sergeant, First Class.

After returning home, he married Virginia Broman on June 28, 1953 at the Fairmont Methodist Church. To them 4 children were born, Janet, Karen, Larry and Linda. They made their home in the Martland and Geneva area.

Lambert loved to farm even when there were times of challenge. He farmed all of his life and was often "out at the quonset" south of town. He loved to play baseball and throw horseshoes. Lambert was also a sanctioned horseshoe pitcher and Lambert and Virginia went to several horseshoe State tournaments. He was very proud of all of his grandchildren and their accomplishments. He loved visiting and seeing them any time he could. He enjoyed attending Lauren and Leyton's events, hardly ever missing any. Lambert was a past commander of the VFW. He was also a member of the Geneva American Legion, where he participated in the Honor Guard and was instrumental with the placing of the flags at the courthouse and cemetery. He was very active in the Grange and was a Grange Master. After he retired from farming, he served as the Veterans Service Officer for Fillmore County. He was a member of the Congregational church for over 60 years.

Lambert was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, his parents, sister LaNora Headrick, sister Virjean (Waldo) Schinzel, sister-in-law Helen (Glen) Van Andel, and sister-in-law Lora Broman.

He is survived by his son Larry (Lisa) of Geneva; daughters Janet Walter of Martinsville, IN; Karen Jeske of Bloomington, MN; and Linda (Kent) Stauffer of Indianapolis, IN; grandchildren Amanda Walter, Anton, Hannah, and Caleb Jeske, Lauren (Ethan) Aschenbrenner, Leyton Hopken, Dillon and Sydney Stauffer, brother-in-laws Allen (Pat) Headrick and Ralph Broman, and also his dear friend Carolyn Krause.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
906 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I will long remember my visits with Lambert. Especially the stories he told about his early days playing baseball at so many small towns. He was a true patriot and really enjoyed his time at the VFW. We will all miss him.

Marv Broman

Marv Broman - December 27, 2019 at 07:31 PM

KL

“ Dan, Lisa and family. So sorry to hear of the loss of your father, Dan. You are all in our prayers at this difficult time. Jim and Kathy Lenertz

kathy lenertz - December 27, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Lambert F. Hopken



Janine Uldrich - December 27, 2019 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ Sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral as we are in NC. I always enjoyed playing horseshoes with Lambert, he was pretty serious about it and since I wasn't very good I'd hassle him when he was playing which made him smile while he beat me. I always tried to give him a little hard time when I saw him trying to get him to laugh or smile. He would always say "oh", which I think he thought I was full of beans. He was so proud of his kids and grandchildren. We'll all miss him. Dennis & Lorie Headrick

Dennis Headrick - December 26, 2019 at 07:45 PM

FJ

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I still have fond of memories of how friendly your family was to me. Prayers sent. Frank Jasa

Frank Jasa - December 26, 2019 at 02:52 PM

DR

“ Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Lambert F. Hopken



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - December 26, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lambert F. Hopken.



December 25, 2019 at 04:59 PM

LG

“ *Sending prayers to all the family I m sure you don t remember me but Lambert was the best man at my parents wedding. He was a kind and gentle man. Prayers to all. Lil Grandlund (Wolfteich)*

lil grandlund - December 24, 2019 at 04:30 PM

LE

“ *Larry, Lisa and Family-
Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Dad and Grandpa. He was a real gentleman and always had time to visit. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the peace of Christ be with you now and always.
Larry & Barbara Eichelberger*

Larry Eichelberger - December 24, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lambert F. Hopken.*



December 24, 2019 at 08:11 AM

 Sherrie Matthies

“ *He was one of my favorite customers in dollar general in geneva ne and will be missed sending prayers to the family.*

Sherrie Matthies - December 23, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lambert F. Hopken.* ”



December 23, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Goodbye to one of our best neighbors, rest in peace!* ”

Ron and Nancy Fleecs - December 22, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Lambert F. Hopken* ”



Caleb Rippe - December 22, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *So sorry! Lambert was such a great guy and will be missed* ❤️ ”

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - December 22, 2019 at 10:59 AM

MB

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss.
Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
We know he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Sincerely,

Marvin and Bridgette (Flohrs) Brummer

Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - December 22, 2019 at 12:05 AM

MB

“ Marvin & Bridgette Brummer lit a candle in
memory of Lambert F. Hopken



Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - December 21, 2019 at 11:59 PM

VJ

“ Such a true gentleman! Thoughts and
prayers! Mike and Virginia Johnson



Virginia Johnson - December 21, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Lambert F. Hopken.



December 21, 2019 at 06:00 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Lambert F. Hopken*



Kent & Rose Theobald - December 21, 2019 at 05:53 PM

MH

“ *Larry, Lisa & family - so sorry to hear of Lambert's passing. He was a good friend to my Mom & we all enjoyed his visits. Thinking of you & sending prayers.*



Mike & Lynne Houser - December 21, 2019 at 04:54 PM

JW

“ *Prayers for you all!!*



Jeff & Barb Whitley - December 21, 2019 at 01:10 PM