



Darrell Eugene Hopper

April 24, 1946 - January 30, 2026

Darrell Eugene Hopper, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend was called home by his Savior on Friday, January 30th, 2026.

He is reunited in heaven with his wife of 46 years, Melody Ann Noel Hopper, his parents, Nathan Eugene and Scotia Zell Hopper, his sister, Wanda Hopper Wren, and his grandson, Dustin Kyle Free.

Darrell was born on April 24th, 1946 in Tiplersville, Mississippi. He was a brilliant entrepreneur who successfully built Midesha Enterprises, an office supply business in the Memphis Metro area, and was an active advocate for Desoto county and Mississippi. He loved to lead causes and projects that cared for those who did not have a voice, and sought to treat everyone with kindness and dignity. He ran for Mayor of Southaven and for Desoto County Supervisor, and was a member of the Desoto County School Board. He loved to fly airplanes, and earned his pilot's license. He loved to study American and family history, and meticulously researched the Hopper family story dating all the way back to the 1600's. He was a member of both the Sons of the Confederacy and the Sons of the Revolution. He loved the Hopper dairy farm in Tiplersville, and spent many hours caring for what his parents and grandparents had worked so hard to build. He loved to work outside, caring for his yard and fruit trees, and fishing. He loved to restore classic and family

cars with his son, Derek, and took pride in showcasing their work at car shows throughout the MidSouth.

He is survived by his three children: Michelle (Andrew) Johnston of Collierville, Tennessee, Derek (Rebecca) Hopper of Tiplersville, Mississippi, and Sharon (Chief Ron) White of Byhalia, his nine grandchildren: Kalyn (Thomas) Whittington, and Devin Free, Hunter and Haleigh Johnston, Jillian (Lars) Bengtson, and Julie, Laura, and Christina Hopper, and his five great grandchildren, Kinsley, Emerson, and Parker Whittington, and Daniel and Liberty Bengtson.

Officiated by Bro. Tommy Vinson.

Pallbearers are Bill Shackelford, Brent Rixie, Matt Carlisle, Mike Miller, Jim Shackelford, Joe Thompson, and Freddie Vaughn.

Memorials can be sent to the McBride Funeral Home at 206 N Commerce St, Ripley, MS 38663.

Cemetery Details

Tiplersville Cemetery

210 CR 317
Tiplersville, MS 38674

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Tiplersville Baptist Church
210 Co Rd 317
Tiplersville, MS 38674-9707
(662) 223-4309

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ My new favorite memory is how yall thought it acceptable to include Wanda Wren in this obituary. Because as soon as she died, your family did all it could to erase her and her children. You took her half of the dairy farm that you love so much. I am so sure our patriarch would love seeing a car lot on his property. I hope you all think of the way you destroyed Wanda's children's lives for no reason other than greed. I so wish I could have been there when Darrell was received by Gramma and Papa and my mom. I would have loved to see/hear what they had to say to him. I am positive Nathan would not approve that Darrell tricked his mom (Scotia) into selling the farm for \$10, 3 days before Nathan died and while he was in a coma to make sure the will was not probated. What a stand up man to do that to his niece and nephew that lost their mom in a tragic accident. I'm sorry you lost someone important to you but I am not sad that the man that ruined my childhood is gone.

Alicia - March 12 at 11:11 AM

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“ Margaret Quinn Meeks lit a candle in memory of Darrell Eugene Hopper



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