



Wyman "Hoppy" Hochstetler

March 15, 1935 - November 10, 2018

WALKERTON-Wyman A. "Hoppy" Hochstetler was born at home in Nappanee, IN on March 15, 1935 to his loving parents, Andrew and Sovilla Hochstetler.

On November 10, 2018, he was released from his earthly constraints and touched the hand of his Savior. On May 12, 1960, as dad would say, he married a "Bremen gal", Maryln Stuntz. They spent the next 58 years together loving life.

Survivors include his wife Maryln; son, Quinn (Talia) Hochstetler of Walkerton; daughter, Della Kay (Tim) Egger of Walkerton; four grandsons, Bobby (Danielle) Egger, Brandon (Aimee) Egger, Jared (Ashlee) Egger and Jack Hochstetler; six great-grandchildren, Emma, Zane, Olivia, Kendall, Durham and one on the way; seven sisters, Betty (Marvin) Slabaugh, Maude (Oscar) Burkholder, Alma (Chris) Slabaugh, Judy (Wilbur) Mast, Mary Hochstetler, Linda (Harley) Schmucker, Sherry (Marlin) Miller and sister-in-law, Laura Hochstetler; four brothers, Richard (Esther) Hochstetler, Lisle (Mary) Hochstetler, Andrew Hochstetler Jr. and Danny Hochstetler.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Devon and Jay Hochstetler and sister-in-law, Erma, Jay's wife.

Together, Hoppy and Maryln brought joy to thousands of families while operating Stuntz & Hochstetler Pines for 42 years. In 1984, with his first loves permission, Hoppy pursued his second love, aviation. Already a licensed pilot, he started Hops Powered Parachutes Inc. to give others the joy of flight and

taught over 3,000 students from all over the world.

Hoppy retired in 2008 to spend more time with family, friends and his McDonalds buddies. He proudly served in Korea in the U.S. Army. He strongly believed that his duties and responsibilities were to his God, country and family.

Hoppy was a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church, the Walkerton American Legion Post #189, A.O.P.A., and the National Christmas Tree Growers Association. He was a graduate of the Indiana Police Academy and was the Mayor of the E&H Family Compound.

Wyman "Hoppy" had a smile for all and a ready helping hand for whomever needed one. His life lifted all who met him. He will be missed greatly and forever in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12:00 noon EST at the Walkerton United Methodist Church where friends may visit from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is handling arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Walkerton United Methodist Church
1000 Georgia St.
Walkerton, IN 46574

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

FA

“ As a young boy in the early 70s I worked on one of the tree farms over by Culver In. Like many of the others I was getting a hand up from poverty. Happy was someone that we all respected and was a good role model. I found this while reaching what had become of the Stuntz & Hochstetler tree outfit. I'm 70 now tough as nails and when I found this tears flowed.

Fletcher Aldrich - February 24, 2025 at 06:05 AM



“ I enjoyed the time Hop and I spent together virtually every day for 5 years. He taught me a lot about flying and lifes ups and downs. Thanks for everything Hop. I wish I could have been at the memorial.

Brian McCallen - December 16, 2018 at 06:53 PM

CW

“ 26 years ago my daughters 3rd grade class came to the Christmas Shop for a Christmas field trip and tour. That is where I met Hoppy and Marylyn When I saw all the powered parachutes I knew I had to bring Rick back to meet these 2 and learn to fly. You guys have forever changed our lives God bless you you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.
Rick and Candy Wolfe

candy wolfe - December 15, 2018 at 10:21 AM

DA

“ *Learned of Hop when I started powered parachuting.
He was my first choice for training.
Went to the last two Flyins and wished I have persude it years
earlier.
He was a man of God and Family.
He will be missed but will meet again.*

Daniel Antunes - December 14, 2018 at 01:21 PM

BK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn and family! We so
enjoyed our time with Hop and family as he instructed Bruce in
flying! We have video of Bruce's first flight and the overwhelming
excitement he felt as he flew and landed the first time. We miss all
the memories we made and the friendships! Take care and "God
Bless"! Wish we could attend the service but we are in Florida but
again our thoughts are with you all!!*

Bruce and Pat Kegebein - December 14, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Wyman "Hoppy" Hochstetler.*



December 12, 2018 at 10:42 AM

CP

“ Countryview Powered Parachutes purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wyman "Hoppy" Hochstetler.



Countryview Powered Parachutes - December 01, 2018 at 06:21 PM

KB

“ Hoppy has always been bigger than life and always there for so many of us who grew up with him as a boss, mentor and a friend! Even though so much time would pass between times I'd see him, he always remembered and always treated me like family! He will be greatly missed! So until the day we are reunited in Heaven, he will live in our hearts and hopefully in the love and caring way we treat each other.

Kim Britton-Amor - November 16, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MO

“ Sorry for your loss, I will miss him a lot. Use to have a lot of fun out there. Christmas trees and the Para planes and the buckeyes. God bless you and the family.

Mark O'Connor - November 14, 2018 at 11:41 AM

LB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family has brought much joy to the people of the Walkerton area.

Dave & Linda Benjamin

Linda Benjamin - November 14, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss....he was a wonder man

Kevin & Kristine Anderson - November 14, 2018 at 09:09 AM

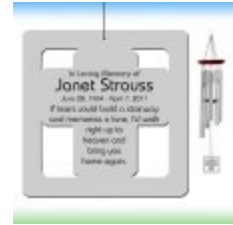


“ Hoppy was a wonderful man. He will be missed by so many. His smile will be remembered, always.

Cindy King - November 14, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ Cross Wind Chime - Personalized was purchased for the family of Wyman "Hoppy" Hochstetler.



November 13, 2018 at 05:07 PM