Robert D. Hopper
Born: September 3, 1951
Died: June 12, 2017
Location: Stahlstown, Pennsylvania

Tribute & Message From The Family

Robert D. Hopper, 65, of Stahlstown, PA, passed away suddenly Monday, June 12, 2017 in Elyria, OH. Beloved husband of Tacey (née Keller); loving father of Jessie (Aaron) Zacek of Prospect, NY, Seth (Lacy) Hopper of Indianapolis, IN, and Luke Hopper of Fort Campbell, KY; cherished grandfather of Abigail, Joshua, Madeline, Samantha, and Nathaniel Zacek, and Mikayla, Angela, and Tyler Hopper; dear brother of Patricia (Alvis (‘Wink’)) Daniel of Florida, and nephew of William Powell also of Florida.

Bob graduated from Grove City College in 1973 with his wife of 43 years, Tacey, whom he met in the freshman orientation line. They were married on January 5, 1974 in the chapel at Grove City College. They later attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. In his 39 years as a pastor, Bob's ministry was profoundly impacted by his mentors Dr. RC Sproul, Dr. John Gerstner and Dr. Larry Crabb as he served as the pastor for churches in Pittsburgh, Ligonier, and Virginia. He also spent 11 years as pastor of North Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Bob was called to use his gifts of mentoring and discipleship as the transitional pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in St Louis, MO, Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita, KS, as well as churches in California and Indianapolis. Most recently he was at Bay Presbyterian Church in Bay Village, OH. Bob's passion for ministry extended to the Byerzhitsa Church in Bryansk, Russia and their work including orphanage ministry and helping with the construction of several of the daughter churches for the past 16 years. Bob's constant passion for mentoring and discipleship also showed through his work as an NRA Firearms Training Counselor and a certified SIG SAUER Master Firearms Instructor. Bob's favorite pastime was spending time with his family. Additionally, he enjoyed shooting with family and friends as well as being an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan.

At the request of the family, please do not send floral tributes. Instead, the family would greatly appreciate that any donations be given in Bob's honor to further the ministry of the Byerzhitsa Church in Bryansk. All donations should be made out to North Park Church with Bryansk on the memo line.

Below is an excerpt from a tribute to Bob received from the church in Byerzhitsa:
'I don't want to believe this saddest news. We are all crying and calling each other, wishing it
were not true. Luda called me tonight weeping, then pastor Sergey Pladushchev. Sergey said if he could he would fly to you tomorrow to be with you as you are our dearest family. We are all very sad. But you know, Tacey, I have often thought about one thing: I haven't yet had anyone really dear in heaven waiting for me (beside Jesus of course), now I know our pastor Bob is going to be there with his smile, saying Ira, Dima, Yulya, Sveta, Luda… when he sees us. This makes me long for Father’s home even more. Ivan and Tanya Romanenko express their heartfelt condolences and I am sure when more people know tomorrow, they will be very sorry, I don't want to say about the loss – this is not about our pastor Bob – he's always been a gain in our lives as I am sure he is for Jesus.'

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at North Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 600 Ingomar Rd, Wexford, PA 15090. The Rev. Dan Henley, Rev. Dr. Rodger Woodworth, and Bruce Allison will be conducting the celebration. Cremation by Busch Crematory. 440-333-9774 www.buschcares.com

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