



## John Greenwood Hoppe

August 16, 1924 - September 20, 2022

John Greenwood Hoppe, 98, of Salisbury passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Atrium Health Cabarrus.

John was born August 16, 1924, in Dewey, OK, to the late Fannie Greenwood Hoppe and John D.A. Hoppe. He graduated from Lamar Union HS, CO. He was awarded a Bronze Star while serving in the U.S. Army during WWII and later attained the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. John earned a B.S. degree from Texas Technological College and a M.B.A. from Indiana University. He worked as an Industrial Engineer for General Electric Company. John was a member of First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. John participated with his children in YMCA Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. His interests included hiking, reading, square dancing, gardening, and playing bridge.

Preceding him in death was his wife Narcidel Pennington Hoppe, sister Lucille "Speed" Hoppe, brother Oliver "Buddy" Hoppe, and granddaughters Lacy Lynn Matuska and Tracy Gwen Matuska.

Surviving are his sons Dr. John Foy Hoppe of Hazard, KY, and Bruce L. Hoppe of Cleveland, OH; daughters Marsha Barr (Martin) of LaPorte, IN, and Nita Matuska (Mark) of Fort Wayne, IN; sisters Audene Trueblood (Malcolm) of Laramie, WY, Opal Mary Hoppe of Cheyenne, WY, and Patricia Hale (Connley) of Cheyenne, WY; grandchildren Tonya Barr Treble (Edward), Evan Barr and Landon Matuska (Jennifer); and great-grandchildren Laymen

Matuska and Makyah Matuska.

The family will receive friends 12-2 PM Thursday (Sept 29) at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury with a funeral service following at 2 PM at First U.M.C., Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti officiating. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be at 10 AM Friday (Sept 30) at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd.

Memorials may be given to First U.M.C., 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, NC, 28144 or Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 1914, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
217 S. Church St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
217 S. Church St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

*A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.*

## Graveside Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144



# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Greenwood Hoppe*



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**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - September 27, 2022 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Prayers of comfort, sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏 we remember John and the family as we bought their home on Schaper Drive back in 1975 or '76. We are still in Fort Wayne in a retirement community. Wonderful memories of John and the family. God's Blessings. Raymond and Kay Morris*

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**Kay Morris** - September 29, 2022 at 09:09 PM

“ Uncle Johnny was my only uncle. Dad was an only child and John was married to my mother's sister, Narcidel. They were parents to my only cousins: John Foy, Marsha, Nita, and Bruce.

*When I was four or five (so this was over sixty years ago!) we lived in Frisco, Texas - which at that time was a small farming community of about three thousand, that is to say, not the metropolitan extension of Dallas that it is today. The Hoppes lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, which seemed to me like it was half-way around the world although it was merely all the way across the country south to north. We saw the Hoppes once in a long while but not routinely.*

*On this memorable occasion Uncle Johnny was in Dallas on business and, as sometimes happened when people travelled back in those days, was coming to dinner at our house and would spend the night with us in Frisco. He arrived punctually around 5:30 and we all had dinner around the kitchen table as was our routine.*

*After dinner and after chatting grown-up talk with my folks for a while, he went out of his way to come play just with me for half an hour. There we sat on the living room floor doing something, I no longer remember what, whether it was the train or blocks or construction toys, but he brought engineering expertise to whatever the enterprise was and worked the project, advising just me for all that time. I have never forgotten that - I should be such a thoughtful, caring uncle myself!*

*Many years later after I was grown there was another of those rare occasions when we had opportunity to be together and I related this memory to Uncle Johnny and thanked him for that special moment. He replied, characteristically and kindly, that he did not recall the incident specifically, but he was sure he enjoyed it just as much as I did.*

*And I know he did!*

*Everyone who ever had any dealings with John Hoppe will miss him and the spirit of love and service that he brought to our world.*

*Rest in peace from all your trials John Hoppe.*

*Courtney Duncan, nephew*

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**Courtney Duncan** - September 26, 2022 at 07:20 PM

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“*Courtney and Viann Duncan and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Greenwood Hoppe.*



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**Courtney and Viann Duncan and family** - September 26, 2022 at 06:42 PM

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“*John was my next door neighbor for over 20 years and during that time he became like one of our family. He was a good friend to my late husband and visited him daily when he was dying. He always was willing to lend a helping hand. John will be missed by many but also remembered fondly by all who knew him. May light perpetual shine upon him. Sincere sympathy to his family..*

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**Candy Graper** - September 26, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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“ I am so very sad that my sweet, handsome and wonderful friend will no longer be in Salisbury when I get back home. I will miss you, John, for all the smiles and your saying, “ one for the good guys”, when we won our games during our Wednesday afternoon bridge. You were a pillar of goodness. My heart will hold you forever. Love you my “boyfriend” May you and your pretty little wife dance all over heaven.

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**Sally Giles Morris** - September 24, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Greenwood Hoppe.



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September 24, 2022 at 06:49 PM