



## Laverne "Vern" Hopkins

March 2, 2015

Laverne H. "Vern" Hopkins, 92, of Clearwater, Florida died Monday, March 2, 2015 at Brookdale at Beckett Lake in Clearwater, Florida. He was born January 31, 1923 in Herrin, Illinois to Hersel and Maggie Bird Hopkins. He and Grace Allene "Cherry" Hopkins were married July 24, 1947 at Mayfield, Kentucky. She preceded him in death May 8, 2006. Vern served in the Army in World War II. He worked for General Sign of Cape Girardeau for 62 years and held the position of president. He was past chairman of World Sign Association. He was a member of the former First Christian Church, now Abbey Road Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and was a life elder. He was a member of American Legion Post 63, Elks Lodge 639, and also a founding member of the Rotary Club West. In addition he was a Scoutmaster and was a basketball coach at First Christian. Survivors include son, Terry Allen (Liza) Hopkins of Dunedin, Florida; sister, Elaine Hillman of Energy, Illinois; grandchildren, Stacy (Andy) Goldbeck, Ryan (Alyssa) Geohring, Nina (Nate) Epperson; great-grandchildren, Alexandra Goldbeck, Vivian and Emelia Geohring. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, four brothers, two sisters. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to American Lung Association, 1118 Hampton

Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139 or Abbey Road Christian Church, 2411 Abbey Rd.,  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Vern was such a nice man. I really enjoyed working with him and talking to him about the St. Louis Cardinals. Maybe he can talk baseball with Stan the Man now.

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**Kris Sneed** - May 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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