

**March 13, 2010**

## ***William H. Hopkins***

William H. "Mike" Hopkins, 68, passed away at his home in Louisville, Ky., on March 8, 2010, of natural causes.

He was born in Given on October 27, 1941, and grew up on the Wolfe Creek family farm established by his great-great grandfather, William Hopkins.

A graduate of Ripley High School, he served as president of the class of 1959 and played varsity football and baseball. Mike received a B.S. degree in accounting from West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1963. He was a retired federal government employee, having spent his entire career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he worked as an auditor and management analyst stationed in Pittsburgh, Pa., Palo Alta, Calif., and Washington, D.C.

Mike was an avid reader, history buff and sports fan. He returned to the family farm each October to view West Virginia's fall foliage, watch the World Series with his father and brother and enjoy his mother's cooking, especially her biscuits. His retirement years were spent in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lexington and Louisville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his father, Emory H. Hopkins.

He is survived by his mother, Reva Halbert Hopkins of Given; brother, Walter S. "Steve" Hopkins of South Charleston; and sister, Anna Hopkins Virbick of Dallas, Texas and Given.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Waybright Funeral Home, Ripley, with the Rev. Dennis Sparks officiating. Interment will follow in Fairplain Cemetery, Fairplain.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.