



Gregory Allen Hoppes

May 4, 1956 - October 29, 2025

Gregory Allen Hoppes, 69, devoted firefighter and beloved family man, passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, in Delmar, Maryland, surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 4, 1956, in Springfield, Ohio, Greg dedicated his life to both his family and his career in public service. He was a son of the late Forest Lewis Hoppes and Frances Matilda (Strush) Hoppes.

After graduating from Wicomico Senior High School with the class of 1974, Greg began his professional journey as a baker at Sunbeam Bakery. He later served as a manager at Longlife Treated Wood Co. However, his true calling came in the early 1980s when he volunteered at the Salisbury Fire Department, Station 2, which is where he earned his nickname, "Poppa Hop." In 1986, he was hired by the Salisbury Fire Department, where he made a lasting impact over his 30-year career, ultimately rising to the rank of Lieutenant. His roles included serving as a Company Officer at Stations 1 and 16 and as the Maintenance and Supply Officer within Administrative Services. Greg's legacy continues through his children, with two of them proudly following in his footsteps as employees of the SFD.

Greg was known for his love of outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, and camping. He cherished family camping trips to Cherrystone Campground and Frontier Town, where he created countless memories with his loved ones. Greg loved sports and was known as a long-time, faithful fan of the Redskins. His daily routine and steadfast fortitude will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Greg is survived by his devoted wife, Yvonne F. (Massey) Hoppes, who he married on December 7, 1979; his children, Brandon Hoppes and wife Katie, Matthew Hoppes and Megan Baker; and his cherished grandchildren, Wyatt Allen Hoppes, Brooks Everett Hoppes, Forest Matthew Hoppes, Ryan Alese Hoppes, Isaac James Baker, Gavin Joseph Baker, and Lillie Belle Baker. He is also survived by his brother, Mike Hoppes and wife Ruth, brothers-in-law, Dale Dechart and Dale Massey; sisters-in-law, Rochelle Outten and husband John and Annette Dixon and husband Joe, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Jack Hoppes, Margaret Zlock, and Betty Dechart.

A Fireman's funeral service to celebrate Greg's life will take place on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by a funeral service starting at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Wicomico Memorial Park in Salisbury.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Greg to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar.

Cemetery Details

Wicomico Memorial Park

721 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, MD 21802

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **5**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Funeral Service

NOV **5**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Allen Hoppes*



Short Funeral Home - November 05, 2025 at 05:25 PM

FO

“ *Forest purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory Allen Hoppes.*



Forest - November 04, 2025 at 05:51 PM

FO

“ *Forest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory Allen Hoppes.*

Forest - November 04, 2025 at 05:51 PM

PN

“ *Papa Hop as my son Travis Nichols called him was a very special man. Very caring, loving, a good listener and advisor and straight to the point kind of guy. I thank him and his loving wife for being part of my son's life. Many thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Penny Nichols - November 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM

PN

“ Porter boys (Drew, Matt, Nick) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gregory Allen Hoppes.



Porter boys (Drew, Matt, Nick) - November 03, 2025 at 11:20 PM

DJ

“ Dr. Kaputa, Debbie, Kasey, & Jamie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gregory Allen Hoppes.



Dr. Kaputa, Debbie, Kasey, & Jamie - November 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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Dr. Kaputa, Debbie, Kasey, & Jamie - November 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

JT

“ Greg was a wonderful person. I enjoyed playing ball and working at the Salisbury Fire Department with him. He will truly be missed.
Josh Thompson
Retired Assistant Chief

Josh Thompson - October 31, 2025 at 10:33 AM