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AGE: 80 • Long Branch

Rev. Michael J. Hopkins, C.Ss.R., age 80, of the Redemptorist Community of San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ died on May 18 in Arizona. Born in Brooklyn in 1937, the son of the late Thomas and Margaret Hopkins, Fr. Hopkins' priestly ministry began with his ordination in June 1963. His priestly ministry included parish ministry in Redemptorist settings in both the Caribbean and southeastern United States before his return to the greater New York area for these last several years.

Fr. Hopkins is survived by his brother Cornelius (Henrietta) of Freehold (NJ); his sister, Sheliagh Anne Dillon of Sun Lakes (AZ), his devoted nieces and nephew, his cherished grandnephews and grandniece; several cousins; and his confreres in the Redemptorist community. Father is predeceased by his older brother Vincent (+Nicki) and his brother-in-law William Dillon. All services for Father Hopkins will take place at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) at 526-59 Street in Brooklyn NY. Family and friends are invited to a viewing in the upper church from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and from 7:00 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, May 25 with a Vigil Prayer Service at 7:30 PM. The Liturgy of Christian Burial will take place at OLPH on Friday, May 26, at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow the Mass at the Redemptorist burial site in Resurrection Cemetery at 361 Sharrott Avenue, Staten Island, NY. Rest in peace Father Michael!