



Mrs. Shirley Copeland

March 20, 1949 - July 20, 2016

Funeral will be 1 p.m. Friday at Fairview Baptist Church for Shirley Jean Copeland, age 67, of Gadsden, who passed away July 20, 2016. Reverend Gary Williams, Philip Elliott and Sammy O'Dell will officiate. Interment will follow at Fairview Baptist Church. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory will officiate.

Mrs. Copeland was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and working in her flower garden. Shirley taught Sunday school for over thirty years at Fairview Baptist Church, where she was a member. She also taught day care at Bellevue Baptist Church and worked at Highland Elementary for 15 years. Shirley touched many children's lives during her many years of teaching.

After retiring Shirley and friends created a group named; The R.O.C.K.S., Retired Old Chicks Kicking Strong. They all enjoyed spending time together, enjoying a meal or movie.

Mrs. Copeland was preceded in death by her parents, R.E. and Jean Richards; brother, Garry Richards; grandparents, Joe and Willie Gladden; nephew, Jordan Richards.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Charles L. Copeland; children, Kevin (Jamie) Copeland, Holly (Kevin) Troup; grandchildren, Abby and Kayce Copeland, Haley and Brady Troup; brother, Danny Richards; sisters -in-law, Susan and Peggy Richards.

The family will receive flowers or donations may be made to Fairview Baptist

Church.

Pallbearers will be Brady Troup, Daniel Nance, Mark Bradley, Thomas McNew, James Mashburn, Daniel Richards and Ken Guthrie.

Honorary pallbearers will be Haley Troup, Kayce Copeland, Abby Copeland and the R.O.C.K.S.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to, Scottie Gibbs, Jessica Felciano, Lisa Irby, Camellia Hospice and Physicians Health Care.

The family will receive friends this evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Copeland will lie in state 1hr. prior to the service at Fairview Baptist Church on Friday.

Cemetery Details

Fairview

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairview

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Thinking of your family at this difficult time and wishing you comfort and peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and am so sorry for your loss.

Glenn Starr

Glenn Starr - July 22, 2016 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ Holley you and your family are in my thoughts and prays. Bible says Christians don't die. They awake alive and healed in heaven she is not dead just not here. You will miss her but one day you will see her again. May God give you peace in the days to come. God bless.
Diane Short

diane short - July 22, 2016 at 04:26 PM

MP

“ My heartfelt condolences for your loss. I pray God's peace and comfort for each of you during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Ms. Shirley that I will cherish always.

Myrna Busby Proulx

Myrna Busby Prorulx - July 21, 2016 at 12:08 PM



WE

“ We are thinking of your family at this difficult time and wishing you comfort and peace.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we are so sorry for your loss.

Wendy Parker Tankersley and Family

WendyTankersley - July 21, 2016 at 10:09 AM

DI

“ My friend and encourager Shirley will never be forgotten by so many. I first knew Ms. Jean so I know from where Shirley got her courage to battle so bravely for the past four years. One of my favorite memories will always be the year after Highland burned and we were all in trailers. It didn't matter that nothing about that year was easy, Shirley found ways to keep smiling and had the kids thinking we were on a marvelous adventure. She and Leola never seemed to let that difficult year keep them from making us all laugh. I can see them walking down the deck with umbrellas blowing everywhere. The roof leaked in the rain and the deck was a natural wind tunnel. I will miss Shirley. She has been a true friend! ROCKS Member forever!

Diane - July 20, 2016 at 09:43 PM