



Rita Vaughn Copeland

September 23, 1945 - July 27, 2024

Rita Anne Vaughn Copeland, 78, wife of the late Joe Frank Copeland, passed away July 27, 2024.

A native of Greer, South Carolina, daughter of the late William Edward and Nellie Mae Runion Vaughn, she was a retired teacher and a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Surviving are two children, Von Marie Wyatt of Simpsonville, South Carolina and William Joe Copeland (Olga) of Lyman, South Carolina; one brother, Dillard Vaughn (Martha) of Greer, South Carolina; one sister, Wilma Vaughn Needham of New Bern, North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Copeland was predeceased by one sister, Lena Wilson.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Dr. Bob Atwell with webcasting available. Burial will follow in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 9:30-10:45 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church, 1300 Locust Hill Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651 or Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373 Greer, South Carolina 29652.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Locust Hill Road
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 W Poinsett St
Greer, SC 29650-1595
(864) 877-3351

Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Rita Vaughn Copeland*



The Wood Mortuary - August 01, 2024 at 10:26 AM

JL

Goodbye, mother. From Your son. Marcus Jackson.

James Leopard - August 16, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Vaughn Copeland*



The Wood Mortuary - July 31, 2024 at 07:38 PM

JT

“ *Von and Will, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a sweet woman.*

Jessica Tapp - August 26, 2024 at 03:48 PM

BG

“ *Our backyard butts the field of Rita. We have visited with Rita 'over the fence' for seven years. Rita was such a pleasant neighbor, always smiling, fun to visit with. As we were traveling, we only learned yesterday (Aug 10) of Rita's passing. We are so very saddened.*

Jerry & Beverly Goupee

Beverly Goupee - August 11, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Wendy Elder lit a candle in memory of Rita Copeland*



Wendy Elder - August 01, 2024 at 06:43 PM

SM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Mrs Copeland passing! She was a great friend and teacher to my children as well.*



Sarah McIntyre - August 01, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LS

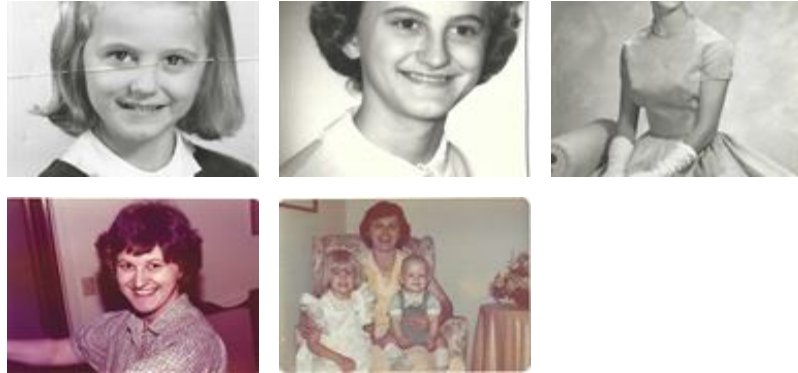
“ *Trips with Rita and Joe were always so exciting and eventful. Shopping and golf were amazing conversations. Wonderful friends.*

Lane and Carolyn Solesbee

Lane Solesbee - July 31, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



The Wood Mortuary - July 31, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ Rita was a special person. She was a cousin, close friend, neighbor and a sister in the family of Jesus Christ. We enjoyed sharing phone calls, meals, and visiting each other. Both of our mothers and both of us were teachers so we always had something to talk about. I am grateful the Lord gave me our long and loving relationship. I send my love and prayers to her sweet family.

Sherrill V. Huff

Sherrill V. Huff - July 29, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ Tina Durham Smith lit a candle in memory of Rita Copeland



Tina Durham Smith - July 29, 2024 at 09:59 AM

AA

“ Angie AshmoreKruse lit a candle in memory of Rita Copeland



Angie AshmoreKruse - July 28, 2024 at 07:22 PM

LR

“ I have sweet memories of Rita in high school. May God's grace and peace surround the family during this most difficult time. God bless each of you. Sent with my love and prayers.
Linda Coggins Roberts



Linda C. Roberts - July 28, 2024 at 05:16 PM

KB

Rita and Lena were precious Ladies and their Mother who taught at Victor Elementary school.

Kitt Cureton Brown - July 30, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JH

“ Joan Harbin lit a candle in memory of Rita Copeland



Joan Harbin - July 28, 2024 at 04:10 PM