



## Gladys Geraldine Copeland

September 8, 1932 - November 4, 2017

Gladys Geraldine (Baker) Copeland, 85, passed peacefully from this world to be with her Lord on Saturday, November 4, 2017, just a month after losing her beloved husband. With their meeting at age 14 and being together 71 years (married for 67), God was so gracious to keep them apart only 32 days.

Gladys G. Baker was born at home in a farmhouse near Beggs, OK, on September 8, 1932 (though records also show her birthdate as 9/2). She was the twelfth of thirteen children born to Thomas Ross Baker and Laura Ellen (Stephens) Baker, who truly had a baker's dozen of offspring. Like many families of the day, they moved multiple times over the years, living in various communities around northeast Oklahoma. Geri attended schools in Pleasant Valley, Tulsa, Mounds, and Owasso, before entering junior high in Beggs.

In 8th grade she met a boy named Bill and writes about the following (freshman) year, "That year I again found a new steady, which I had a little difficulty holding on to since he had gotten to that age where 'the more girlfriends the better' and there were plenty girls interested." That new steady was Billy Dewayne Copeland, whom she married a few years later when they were 17 and 18, respectively (crossing the state line to wed early).

They married in Harrison, Arkansas, in June 1950, shortly before Bill reported for active duty in the US Army, and she doted on him ever since. Following his

discharge, they lived in Tulsa and Pasadena, TX, while starting their family, coming to Bartlesville in 1963 where they raised their three sons and remained until her death.

Coming from a very large family of brothers and sisters, with nieces and nephews aplenty, Geri loved spending time with her extended family. Annual family reunions were always large, joyful affairs, and her kids treasure countless memories of weekends spent with their cousins.

Geri was an accomplished seamstress and cook and devoted herself to her family and church. She was a Cub Scout den mother, avid reader and Bible student, and taught in countless Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, and Ladies Bible Studies over the years. She was the storekeeper in the early days at Copeland Appliance, which she and Bill founded in 1970 in Dewey, OK. Over the years, as her sons married and started families, she was a loving grandma to her six grandchildren. In the 1980s she and Bill embarked on another adventure, buying and remodeling numerous rental properties in Bartlesville and Okmulgee. Some of the renovations were very extensive and she was immersed in every aspect, including the planning, design, and construction. She was truly a helpmate in every respect.

Upon retirement they realized yet another dream: traveling in their RV, often caravanning with several of Geri's siblings and their spouses, exploring small towns and collecting treasures along the way.

Above all, her commitment to her Lord and Savior was first and foremost. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Bartlesville for the last two decades. In addition to teaching, she and Bill used their remodeling skills to impact almost every part of the church building. Her faith involved every aspect of life and is reflected in those she leaves behind. Such a legacy will not be soon forgotten.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Hallie, Ina, Veachel, George, Velma, Elsie, Mildred, Wilma Jean, and Imogene; and her dear husband, Billy D. Copeland. She is survived by her sons: Dale W. (Donna) Copeland, Michael L. (Lynn) Copeland, and Kenneth G. (Janice) Copeland, all of Bartlesville; eight grandchildren: Jon, Nathan, Kris, Megan, Justin, Shane, Mickey, and Matt; eleven great-grandchildren; sisters Lucy Piazza and Della Davidson and brother Bob Baker; plus a great cloud of friends and church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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# Tribute Wall



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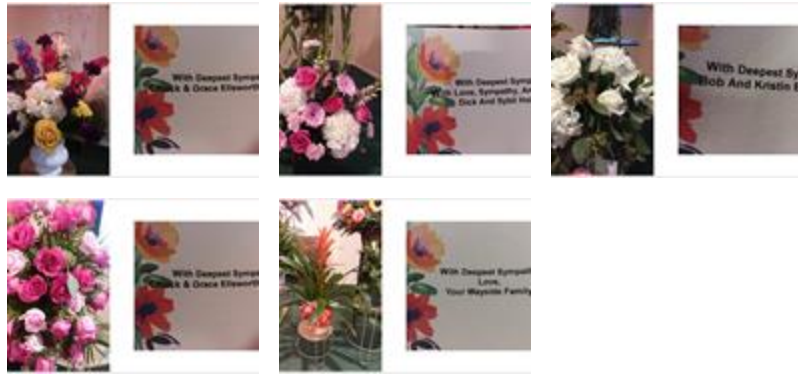


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