



## Willard Jay Copeland

March 20, 1932 - January 30, 2017

Willard Jay Copeland, 84, passed away January 30, 2017 in a Tulsa hospital. Willard was born March 20, 1932 in Cherryvale, Kansas to parents Bernard and Maude (Lewis) Copeland. He graduated high school in Coffeyville, Kansas, then joined the United States Navy to serve his country during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he went to work at Reda Pump while attending business school.

On February 14, 1952, Willard married Barbara England in Las Vegas, Nevada. Barbara preceded him in death in July of 1992.

After completing business school, he took a job with an accounting firm, and then joined Cities Service in Tulsa, where he spent 23 years, retiring in 1989. Willard enjoyed woodworking, and the bookcases, tables, and many other projects have become heirlooms that are cherished by his family. Willard was also an avid square dancer, and he was a Past President of the North East Square Dancing Association.

On April 22, 2003, Willard married LuAnn Rhode at the Wedding Chapel in Miami, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, LuAnn Copeland of Bartlesville; daughters, Debra Malilong and her husband, Jaime of Ft. Worth, Texas; and Cindy Balsly and husband, Ed of Ft. Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Jessica and husband, Chris Malilong of Owasso, Oklahoma and Chris Balsly of Ft. Worth, Texas; great granddaughter, Kendal Malilong of Owasso, Oklahoma; step-children, Brad Rhode and wife, Patty of Wichita, Kansas, and Mike Rhode and wife, Jennifer

of Dundee, Michigan; and four step-grandchildren, Courtney, Molly, Daralynn, and Kaylynn Rhode.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Jay Copeland*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Willard Jay Copeland*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I will miss our weekly telephone conversations each week. You were not only my dad but a great friend. Love you and will miss you. Debra Malilong, your daughter*

**Debra Malilong** - February 07, 2017 at 08:38 AM



“ *Grandpa was such an honery man. We will miss him dearly. Love you always.*



**jessica malilong** - February 01, 2017 at 01:32 PM