



Leonard R. Copas

August 10, 1927 - April 16, 2020

Leonard R. Copas, age 92, passed away surrounded by his loving family Thursday, April 16, 2020, at his residence in Louisville, Mississippi. Graveside services and interment will be Monday, at 2 p.m. at Sunrise Cemetery in Noxapater, Mississippi, with Rev. Glynn Barker officiating. Due to current events, the family requests that visitors follow all precautions that are in place under Executive Order 1466 of Governor Tate Reeves.

Leonard was born August 10, 1927, to Sherman Roosevelt and Grace Lee White Copas in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was a member of the First Apostolic Church of Louisville. Leonard served as a school guard and then as a self-employed painter; he absolutely loved to paint. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening but most of all spending time with his family. He also enjoyed playing the guitar and singing gospel songs. He answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army during World War II.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Judy Smith Copas of Louisville. He also leaves behind to mourn his passing two daughters: Judy Purvis and husband Bill of Dyersburg, Tennessee and Penny Forsythe and husband Greg also of Louisville. He is also survived by four sons: Ron Copas and wife Sharon of Blountville, Tennessee, Sam Miles of Louisville, Billy Copas and wife Lauren of Ackerman, Mississippi, and Shelby Copas and wife

Alisha also of Louisville. One of his greatest joys was being “Papaw” to his 15 grandchildren: Bill (Heather) Purvis, Mark Purvis, Keith (Rizza) Purvis, Junior Ribling, Phillip Forsythe, Adrienne Forsythe, and Austin Forsythe, Jason (Gina) Copas, Shanna Greene, Hannah (Kevin) Ware, Brandon (Jenny) Copas, Justin Copas, Cody (Amber) Copas, Carly Copas and Maddie Copas as well as 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Shirley Parnell, four grandchildren Infant Baby Boy Miles, Hunter Copas, Chris Norris and Daryl Norris, his parents; and his sister Charlotte Britt.

Serving as pallbearers are Cody Copas, Brandon Copas, Greg Forsythe, and Butch Burns.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Cemetery

4165 Highway 15 South
Noxapater, MS 39346

Previous Events

Graveside

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Leonard R. Copas

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ Judy, sending love and prayers to all of you at this time. Praying the Lord wraps you in his loving arms so you feel strength and peace that only comes from him.

Teresa Whitaker - April 20, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Leonard R. Copas.



April 19, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Selena Kirk lit a candle in memory of Leonard R. Copas



Selena Kirk - April 17, 2020 at 10:54 PM