



## James K. Cope

December 11, 1934 - September 21, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

James K. Cope, 84, passed peacefully at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born December 11, 1934 in Alton, IL the son of the late Albert John and Adah Lenore (Wilson) Cope. He was an active member of Godfrey First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the choir for many years. He was a volunteer at Alton Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. He was a white cross auxiliary board member and past president and a board member at The Nature Institute. He served in the US Marine Corps. He retired from the Olin Corporation where he was a tool and die maker. On December 26, 1959 in Olney, IL he married Mary Catherine Pampe and she preceded him in death on March 9, 2017. On October 2, 2018 he married Shirley Wegener and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters and one son, Jan A. Rogalski (Gil) of Godfrey, Elise M. Harmon (Jim) of Bethalto and Lieutenant Colonel David M. Cope (Rebecca) USAF retired of Spring Valley, Ohio, six grandchildren; Sarah Harmon, Natalie Steinberg (Andrew), Jake Rogalski, Rachel Rogalski, Adam Harmon and Caroline Cope and one great grandchild, Jackson Steinberg. Besides his first wife he is preceded in death by three brothers and one sister, Robert Cope, Irvin Cope, Lee Cope and Clarice Cannedy. Graveside services will be private with full military honors provided by Alton VFW Post 1308. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. at Godfrey First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, September

24, 2019. Reverend Jay Hanscom will officiate. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Godfrey First United Methodist Church. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Godfrey First United Methodist Church  
Airport Road  
Godfrey, IL 62035

## Memorial Service

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ James K. Cope

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ James K. Cope

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James K. Cope.



September 26, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ TO Wife & children : It sadden me so to hear of Jims passing . I worked with Jim for the last 10 or so years before I retired . He was a gentlemen , hard working ,very knowledgeable at his trade and just a great fella to work with . I know you`s will miss him dearly, so will anyone who knew him . Prayers for the ones he left behind .  
Geno Randolph

Geno Randolph - September 24, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ Jim was a VIP to our son, Kirk throughout his life. Our deepest sympathy to all the Cope family.  
Bob and Kay Mawhorter.

Karen Mawhorter - September 24, 2019 at 05:29 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. However, we know he is no longer in pain. I saw him every Wednesday morning at A.M.H. He never complained of having any pain. He talked of his children and his grandchildren, he was a proud man. He was a great guy I will miss him. With sympathy , Bernie Wickenhauser

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**Bernie Wickenhauser** - September 23, 2019 at 07:31 PM

MA

“ Wishing Dave and the entire Cope extended family solace in this time of mourning. You are and will be in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate James' life.

*Sincerely,  
Mike Akhbari and your FTI Team*

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**Mike Akhbari** - September 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM

GG

“ Dave--please accept my condolences on the passing of your father. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Greg Green*

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**greg green** - September 23, 2019 at 10:46 AM