



William H. Copley

September 4, 1925 - June 16, 2011

Dateline: Godfrey

William H. "Bill" Copley, 85, Died Thursday June 16, 2011 at his home in Godfrey. Bill was born on September 4, 1925 in Alton and was the son of Chester Copley and Leona (Napp) Copley. He married Delores "Dee" Holland and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year. Bill was a machinist at Shell Oil Company for 34 years before retiring in 1985. His work at Shell was interrupted by an Army tour during the time of the Korean War. During his retirement, he and Dee split their time between Godfrey and Ft. Myers Florida. They enjoyed square dancing, camping, and traveling in their 5th wheeler. Bill loved fishing and golf and was always proud of his one hole-in-one. Bill was a member of the Godfrey Congregational Church for over 70 years and established a vegetable garden at the church for the Crisis Food Center. He was a member of the Godfrey Cemetery Board and was also active in delivering Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Todd Kelsey of Plainview, Illinois; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Jamie Copley of New Orleans, Louisiana; granddaughter and grandson, Andrea and Will Kelsey of Plainview. Also surviving is a brother and sister-in-law Robert and Nancy Copley of Godfrey; brother, Tom Copley of Houston Texas; and brother and sister-in-law, Chet and Nita Copley of Houston, Texas. Bill is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and a multitude of

friends. Friends are invited to visit Gent Funeral Home in Alton on Sunday, June 19 from 5-8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at Godfrey Congregational Church with Reverend Dr. Chris Hucker officiating at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 20. Memorials may be made to the Godfrey Congregational Church in care of Gent Funeral Home.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Copley*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *William H. Copley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family from ours. Thoughts and prayers sent your way.*

Mr. and Mrs Ronald Ray, Mr. and Mrs Brent Ray - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dee,*

We are so sorry to hear about Bill, we send our love and sympathy to you and your family. We so enjoyed his visits on our patio at Palmetto Palms, we will miss him very much. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim & Kathy Lawson - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We send our love to you Dee and your family. We will miss our friend Bill.*

We were on a Trip returned on 19th at 5 PM .Opened My E-mails and discovered that Bill had went to the Lord.

Gale&Joan Scheller - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Dee, you made one sweet couple. Remember the good times we had at my house square dancing and Ralph and I enjoyed seeing both of you at the VEE. I guess you know God took him last September. I sure do miss him. Love Mil

Mil Bohnenstiehl - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dee and family, Sorry to read of the passing of our good friend, Bill. He will be missed by the Palmetto Palms Community. Our sympathy to all the family.

Bob and Ida Hastings - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dee,

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill was such a wonderful man that always tried to get you to laugh. Please call or come over if you need anything.

Thomas Krohn, Heather, Jason, and Kyle Ater - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dee, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Glad you have your quilting to keep you busy. Hugs!

Loretta & Jerry Carbine - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Dee: Paul called us last night about Bill passing away. So sorry to hear about it. We will have lots of memories of him while we were in Ft Myers. He will be missed by many people. His laughter, funny little sayings, and just being a good sport. We will keep you in our prayers and hope you will have lots of things to remember also. God Bless you and your family. Bill & Wilma

Bill and Wilma Steele - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was a great man with a great heart. May the Lord be with you during these days!

Until He Comes,

Dennis Ball

Palmetto Palms

Dennis M. Ball - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dee: I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Susan Scheibe Edsall

Susan and Nathan Edsall - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry! We will miss him very much and our prayers go out to you and your family!

Doug and Marge Gregg - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I will always remember how Bill liked to joke around with people. He knew how to make people laugh at times.

My thoughts are with Dee and Jane and Steve at this time in their loss but your father will always be remembered.

Philip Waidmann - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM