



Berniece Coppage

August 10, 1929 - March 18, 2019

Helen Berniece Hays Coppage was born on a farm near Geary Oklahoma on August 10, 1929 to parents Arthur Carl Hays and Bertie Dromgoole Hays. She was also welcomed by two older brothers Wilber and Hershel. Her family grew and added another brother Richard and two sisters Mary and Carol. She attended Pleasant Ridge and Richland schools. She got married at age 16 and was unable to finish high school but got her GED many years later. She was very proud of that. She attended church at Pleasant Ridge and joined the church at age 12.

She was married to Dorman Edgar Coppage on July 7, 1945. They moved to the Coppage family place where they worked the farm and manufactured and sold brooms. All three of their children, Nina Elaine, Dorman Neal, and Carl Milton were born while living there.

In 1952 they moved to southern California where Dorman did carpentry work. In 1957 they moved to a farm outside of Bolivar and remained there until all of the children were out of school in 1969. During that time she became a member of Mt. Gilead Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. She also was heavily involved with 4-H for many years.

After that they spent some time in Collins Missouri where they owned and ran a grocery store and feed mill, but ended up in Humansville for thirty years

where Dorman had a gun shop, raised cattle and hogs, and Berniece worked at Teters before retiring. They were also members of the Humansville Methodist Church where they were deeply involved with all aspects of the church. They had many happy years here with family and friends.

After Dorman's passing, Berniece moved back to Bolivar. She rejoined Mt. Gilead Methodist Church and was able to spend time with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dorman Neal, her husband, Dorman Edgar, her mother and father Carl and Bertie Hays, her brothers Wilber, Hershel, Richard and a sister Mary Gann. She is survived by her daughter and husband, Elaine and George Williams, son and wife, Carl and Debra Coppage, daughter-in-law and husband, Vickie and Bill Fowler, her sister Carol Baldwin, sister-in-law, Clio Coppage and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by three grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher Fugitt and Chandra Irving, Darrin and Annette Fugitt, and Aubrey and Shane Hampton. She has 7 great grandchildren: Paige Mashtare, Alena Fugitt, Chase Hampton, Hunter Fugitt, Holden Music, Darrin Fugitt, Grace Hampton, and Genevieve Fugitt. She also has a great great grandchild, Siena Mashtare. Services for Helen will be 11:00 AM Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will take place 10:00- 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gilead Cemetery

1401 E 464th Road
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Berniece Coppage*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Berniece Coppage*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Elaine and family!*

Cari Bays Vega - March 27, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *Berniece was the one that introduced me to chocolate cake with homemade ice cream. I can still see (in my mind's eye) where we were and the table set up. My family, to this day, has to have the chocolate cake when we have homemade ice cream. My sons still follow this tradition. I have lots of good memories with this family. Love to all and sad for your loss.*
Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Campbell

Elizabeth Campbell - March 21, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ *My thoughts are with Elaine and all of her family. Berniece was a special lady in my life down the road of Elaine and my friend ship. Such a sweet lady and a beautiful smile. May she have peace as well as the family.* *Marilyn Brooks*

Marilyn Brooks - March 21, 2019 at 12:02 PM

EP

“ Eddie and Sharon Pangborn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Berniece Coppage.



Eddie and Sharon Pangborn - March 20, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berniece Coppage.



March 20, 2019 at 07:26 PM

MP

“ We are so proud to have known Berniece and enjoyed visiting with her at church. Our prayers and love are with you all
God Bless
Martha , Tyler and Nathan Painter

Martha Painter - March 20, 2019 at 06:37 PM

SA

“ Sharon Anderson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Berniece Coppage.



Sharon Anderson - March 20, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Berniece Coppage.* ”



March 19, 2019 at 11:25 AM