



## Olen Copeland

November 30, 1920 - March 13, 2015

William "Olen" Copeland, 94, Bolivar, MO passed away 10:15 AM Friday, March 13, 2015 at his home. He was born November 30, 1920, in Aldrich, MO, The son of William Owen and Golden Eva Copeland.

He married Bertha Haney August 31, 1947, and to this union four children were born.

He loved family and friends gatherings, and cards and letters. He loved bowling, and earlier in life he enjoyed fishing and hunting especially. He enjoyed working on the farm. Olen worked for the Empire District Electric Co for about thirty years. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of World War II in the Signal Corp.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Copeland and wife Carol of Taiwan, Jim Copeland and wife Venetia of Stockton, MO, and Glen Copeland of Bolivar, MO; Daughter, Gayla Stauffacher and husband Alan of Aurora; Four grandchildren, Andy Copeland and wife Blanca of the State of California, Mellisa Guetzkow of Stockton, MO, Tori Valencia and husband Antonio of the State of Florida and Venus Copeland of the State of California; Four Great Grandchildren, Vincent, Gabriel, and Chloe Copeland of the State of California, and Atira Guetzkow of Stockton, MO.

He was preceded in Death by his wife, Bertha Copeland; his parents, William and Eva Copeland; three sisters, Grace and Joy Underwood, and Marjorie Brown.

Visitation for Olen will be 9:30 - 10:30 AM Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Butler Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow visitation at 10:30 AM at the Butler Chapel with Pastor Scott Gardner officiating. Burial will be at the Barren Creek Cemetery, west of Bolivar, MO with Military Honors conducted by the U.S. Army Honors Team.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Olen Copeland*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Olen Copeland*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of the death of your Dad. I have many fond memories of him related to Barren Creek Bible school and little league baseball.*

*I was not a very good baseball player in those early years and he was always so kind and encouraging to me. I remember riding with him to Kansas City to see my first major league game!*

*I will be forever grateful for the influence that both of your parents had on me as a young boy.*

*Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jerald*

**Jerald Andrews** - March 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Family,

*Carolyn and I extend our sympathy in the loss of Olen. We will miss him. May the Holy Spirit comfort you.*

*Carolyn and Olen are kin. We enjoyed having fellowship with him at the Senior Center a few years ago.*

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**Dr. John E. Russell** - March 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *I fondly remember visiting often with the Copeland family in the early 70's. Jim & Jerry were/still good friends. Mike also graduated in their class. Olen & Bertha always welcomed us with open arms just like family. Many happy memories from those visits.*

*Mike & I will be out of town & unable to attend Olen's visitation/services. We are thinking of and Praying for all of you!!*

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**Helen (Strack) & Mike Stanek** - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Bill & family,*

*I was sorry to see that Olen passed away. I remember staying overnight at your house and then later working with him at Empire Dist. Elec. He was a fine man and it was an honor to have know him. You will be in our prayers.*

*Allen Hines*

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**Allen Hines** - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have fond memories of Bertha & Olen. Sorry for your loss.*

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**carol roush** - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Harlie and Nancy Gallatin** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM