



Dr. Ernest V. Copple

January 6, 1925 - November 30, 2021

Indianapolis - 96, passed away November 30, 2021. He was born January 6, 1925, in Centralia, Illinois to the late Floyd J. and Lula Norton Copple. Upon graduating from Centralia High School, Ernie proudly served as a U.S. Marine Sargent during World War II. Ernie received his Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University, his Master's Degree from Washington University, and his Doctorate from Indiana University. He married his soulmate Shirley Jackson, December 24, 1954, and she preceded him in death January 7, 2021. Ernie was the principal of John Strange Elementary School in Washington Twp. for 31 years, retiring in 1990. Ernie received many accolades, including an award for Principal of the Year. He was a 67-year member of Calvary Tabernacle, where he served in many capacities including Sunday School Superintendent, Nursing Home Outreach Coordinator, and Board Member of Calvary Christian School. He had a generous heart for serving others. He loved people, especially children, and always saw the best in every person and situation.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Avenue.

Ernie touched the lives of countless people as an educator and true friend, but his greatest impact was as a devoted and exemplary "Daddy" and "Poppa" to his children and grandchildren who will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his loving children, Cheryl A.

Thomas (Jeffrey), Daniel R. Cople (Julie) and Cynthia L. Burzynski (Steven); grandchildren, Andrew S. Thomas, Brent A. Thomas (Rachel), Stacie K. Cole (David), Adam B. Thomas, Michael G. Cople (Sara), Caleb N. Thomas, Riley S. Burzynski, Joshua A. Thomas,

Ellie T. Burzynski, Haydn J. Burzynski and Mason S. Burzynski; and great-grandson, Brayden Thomas. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Alfred Cople, Clarence Cople, Raymond Cople, Opal Rody, Earl Cople, David Cople and Ruby Cople.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

CALVARY TABERNACLE
902 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Tabernacle
902 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203-1039
(317) 262-4030

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - December 08, 2021 at 03:01 PM

BS

“ To the Couple family,

*We are so sorry that we can't be there tomorrow. We have many happy memories, not only of the Copples being wonderful neighbors, but working on projects at John Strange School while our girls there. Dr. Cople was a skilled Principal. He handled everything with loving care and the pupils responded to him in a wonderful way. It was a joy to know this special family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time.
Barb and Fred Sullivan and girls*

Barb Sullivan - December 07, 2021 at 06:46 PM

BS

“ We were so sad to read that Dr. Cople had passed away. I was Dr. Cople's Assistant Principal for ten years at John Strange Elenentary. Ernie was such a positive individual who loved his school community and was so proud of his family. Ernie modeled a truly Christian life, and I am confident he is sharing his Heavenly home with his beautiful wife, Shirley. I will keep Dr. Cople and his family in my prayers.

Barbara Dean Stryker - December 07, 2021 at 06:25 PM

PE

“ Pat & Elaine purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.



Pat & Elaine - December 07, 2021 at 08:32 AM

RF

“ Sorry to hear of this. I knew the Copples on Monitor Ln. when I was a little boy. We lived on 64th St. but moved away in the early 70's. Danny Copple was one of my first friends ever. Mr. and Mrs. Copple were always very nice from what I remember and they were a great family.

Sincerely,

Ross Fazekas

Ross Fazekas - December 07, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.



December 06, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.*



December 06, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.*



December 05, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.*



December 04, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Ernest V. Copple.*



December 04, 2021 at 07:44 AM

ME

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Copple. He and his lovely wife Shirley were always so kind to me, and lived as faithful enduring examples of Christians who served the church, community, and others in so many ways. I was fortunate to stand along-side Dr. Copple on many occasions for several years in the Calvary choir while living in Indy. His successes in life were never a stumbling-block for him; I knew him only as a considerate gracious gentleman. Prayers for the family and those who will feel his loss in their life.

Mike Engle - December 03, 2021 at 09:56 PM