



Shirley Ann Copple

February 3, 1934 - January 7, 2021

Shirley Ann Copple, 86, of Indianapolis, left this world to meet the Lord Jesus Christ on January 7, 2021. She was born February 3, 1934 in Indianapolis, to the late Herman E. and Flossie D. Taylor Jackson. Shirley was a 1952 graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School. She married the love of her life, Dr. Ernest V. Copple, December 24, 1954. Shirley was a homemaker and dearly beloved wife, mother of three children, and “Mumsie” to 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She also opened her heart and home to Tony and Tom Copple upon the childhood loss of their mother.

Shirley became employed by Butler University in 1982 and served as an Administrative Secretary for the next 31 years. Shirley was a lifelong and faithful member of Calvary Tabernacle, where she energetically served for decades with love and a spirit of excellence. She was the Sunday School secretary, hostess, greeter, and banquet coordinator; she also coordinated over 300 weddings. Shirley touched countless lives and will be dearly missed. She truly was a Proverbs 31 woman.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle Church, 902 Fletcher Avenue, Indianapolis.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Dr. Ernest V. Copple; children, Cheryl A. Thomas (Jeffrey), Daniel R. Copple (Julie) and Cynthia L. Burzynski (Steven); grandchildren, Andrew S. Thomas, Brent A. Thomas

(Rachel), Stacie K. Cole (David), Adam B. Thomas, Michael G. Copple (Sara), Caleb N. Thomas, Riley S. Burzynski, Joshua A. Thomas, Ellie T. Burzynski, Haydn J. Burzynski and Mason S. Burzynski; great-grandson, Brayden Thomas; and sisters, Mildred I. Pieper and Janet M. Habig (Michael). She was preceded in death by her sister, Gwendolyn Watkins.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family asks that everyone please follow the Indiana mandate, wear a mask, observe social distancing, and no contact.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis 46227. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Washington Park East
10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.*



January 29, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Dear Ernest, Cheryl, Dan, and Cynthia, and grandchildren, We are very sorry to hear of Shirley's death. Shirley meant so much to so many people! My wife, Vangie, and my nurses Pam and Rita, and our entire office staff enjoyed helping all of you with your medical need for many years.*

*Joe Quigley
jwthistle@hotmail.com*

joe Quigley - January 29, 2021 at 09:40 AM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - January 15, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 14, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 13, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *datha brosam* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



datha brosam - January 13, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 13, 2021 at 12:10 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear about Shirley. She and Ernie were good friends and enjoyed it when they were in Centralia

bonnie ward - January 12, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 12, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 11, 2021 at 07:51 PM

PP

“ We were blessed to become neighbors of the Copples when we moved into this neighborhood in 1993. We had recently adopted our second child and they were such great role models as loving parents and grandparents. Whenever I saw Shirley Copple out and about their property, her smile was always warm and brilliant. Always! Our hearts go out to Dr. Copple and his family at this difficult time.

Penny & Bill Paraskevas

Penny Paraskevas - January 11, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JL

We have missed Shirley's smile and beautiful hair around Calvary Tabernacle! She was a friend to my mother, Doris, they always had a "word" for each other. Thank you for sharing her with us - our deepest sympathies to the entire family - God bless ❤️ Janeta Liford

Janeta Liford - January 12, 2021 at 07:07 AM

AW

I was blessed to work with Shirley for many years at Butler University. She was an angel to all who crossed her path. She was beloved by co-workers and students. Her love of God showed forth in how she treated anyone who crossed her path. She had a twinkle in her eye and that special spunk that set her apart. She will be so missed but leaves me with a beautiful example of a God-loving soul.

Anna Wolter - January 12, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 11, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Copple.



January 11, 2021 at 12:02 PM

RC

“ I have always felt proud that Shirley and Ernie were my aunt and uncle for the past 70 years. They were so loving and good to me and my family in countless ways. I will deeply miss Aunt Shirley.
From Roger Copple

Roger A Copple - January 11, 2021 at 10:56 AM

SR

“ Shirley was always a ray of sunshine when I was around her at Butler. I was touched that even years after my graduation she knew who I was, My sympathy to her family. She will be missed.

Shannon Rogers - January 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM

MY

“ When I was in pharmacy school at Butler, I worked in the office with Mrs Shirley for three years. She was like a second Grandmother to me. She was so loving and so kind and always gave me the best advice. She loved her family so much and was so proud of them. I enjoyed exchanging Christmas cards with her after graduation and sharing about my own children. She will be deeply missed by every pharmacist who walked thru Butler's doors and had the privilege to know her.

Mandi McLean Yarberry - January 10, 2021 at 08:23 AM

CP

God Bless 🙏❤️

Connie M Porter - January 10, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DJ

“ Shirley Copple was amazing! She made everyone and everything SHINE. A true Proverbs 31 lady, grass never grew under her feet. Always busy about the Father’s business; blessing the lives of so many. I can see her now dancing on streets of gold. Blessings to her beautiful family which she called “total gifts 🎁!”
John and Denise Johnson

Denise Johnson - January 09, 2021 at 11:19 PM

 Brenda Greer

“ My previous friend Shirley Copple taught me so much. I worked for Pastor Mooney during the years that Shirley was the Queen of Calvary. She enlightened me as to how to treat & love people. Quote - “You never know Brenda what someone is going through - love these precious people”. I can never forget those words - oh how precious she was. I miss her!!! I love the Copple family and I share your grief. Love, Brenda Greer

Brenda Greer - January 09, 2021 at 09:34 PM

DC

That’s so true of her Brenda. She was a lover of people

Don and Connie - January 09, 2021 at 09:58 PM

DC

Ernie and Shirley have been our dear friends for many years. She was a mentor to me in so many things, from raising kids to sewing and we were neighbors for a few years. We loved them both dearly. She has some wonderful children and grandchildren that mirror her in so many ways. She loved us and our kids and grands. Such an encourager to just keep on doing the right thing. Nothing was ever too hard to get through as long as you serve Jesus. I will miss her and her loving , kind heart

Don and Connie - January 09, 2021 at 10:04 PM

SD

Although I left Calvary Tabernacle for college 55 years ago in 1966, Shirley and Ernie were always some of the first to greet and give a hug when I returned. Her forever smile, hospitality, love for others was a trademark of who she was. Her family, friends, co-workers, church family and community were blessed by her beauty and presence. Our prayers are with Ernie and the family during this time of loss.
Steve and Evelyn Drury

Stephen Drury - January 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM

EB

I was privileged to know Shirley my entire life and to serve as flower girl in her wedding. She was such a blessing to all who knew her. It is hard to imagine the world without her brilliant smile. She will live on in our fond memories. Our family sends their love to Ernie, Cheri, Dan and Cindi. I will be unable to be with you due to my inability to drive alone after dark. I hope to be able to watch the funeral on line. Love, Elaine Illey Burlash

Elaine Burlash - January 13, 2021 at 10:57 AM

SW

“ *She was a wonderful women and will be missed. Sarah (Brown)Watson*

Sarah (Brown) Watson - January 09, 2021 at 04:13 PM

PH

“ *Shirley was a life-long friend of our family. She always called my deceased husband, Shirland Hardman, her baby. She was always such a beautiful, friendly lady. I know she will be greatly missed. I give my condolences to her family and pray for God to give them peace and comfort.*
Peggy Staten Hardman

Peggy Staten Hardman - January 09, 2021 at 02:20 PM

DW

“ *When we first attended Calvary Tabernacle her smiling face and greeting definitely made us welcomed with open arms.*

Durell & Janet Wildman - January 09, 2021 at 01:45 PM