



Pauline Brown Copes

June 23, 1933 - February 8, 2026

Pauline Brown Copes, 92, of Cynthiana, KY, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at her home. Born on June 23, 1933, at her family's farm in Harrison County (Boyd), she was one of four children and the only daughter of the late Hendrix and Delia Frances Courtney Brown. A 1952 Morgan High School graduate, Pauline loved her family, neighbors and friends, and she made the most of every day. On Oct. 15, 1954, she married Rodney Thomas Copes, and they were blessed with 36 years together before he preceded her on Oct. 23, 1990. For 27 years, Pauline's easy smile and friendly nature greeted the Eastside School children as they arrived at the cafeteria, where they enjoyed her talented cooking, served up with sides of life lessons, like good manners and respect. With her parents, she belonged to the Boyd Methodist Church until 1970, when she moved her membership to the Elmarsh Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School and worshipping there for 66 years. Pauline enjoyed being a charter member of the Mary Henson Circle, formed in 1970. She was also a former President of the Farm Bureau Ladies Committee. Pauline brightened every room she entered and every event she attended with her quick wit and astute observations, always delivered directly and genuinely. Young at heart, she leaves a world of precious memories for those who loved her and a powerful example of how to live your faith daily and humbly.

Surviving to cherish her legacy are her two children: Danny Ray (Connie) Copes of Cynthiana and Cathy Frances (James) Rose of Omaha, Nebraska;

three grandchildren: Andrea Rose (Tim) Smith, Mary Carol Rose (Ian) Casasola and Thomas Wayne Copes; three great grandchildren: Julian, Oliver and Finnegan Smith; one brother Francis "Shorty" Brown of Melbourne, KY; two borrowed daughters: Tressie Brown Faulkner and Kelly Ann Wachter; and a host of extended family and friends who were blessed to know and love her. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers; Gearin Brown and Donald Brown.

Visitation will be held from 10-1 pm on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Elmarch Methodist Church: 221 Old Lair Road, Cynthiana, KY 41031, with the funeral service immediately following at 1 pm, officiated by Terry McDuffey. Interment will take place in the Battle Grove Cemetery, Cynthiana. Memorials are suggested to the Elmarch Methodist Church. Care for the family is entrusted to Woodhead Funeral Home, Berry.

Cemetery Details

Battle Grove Cemetery

Cynthiana, KY 41031

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Elmarch Methodist Church
221 Old Lair Road
Cynthiana, KY 41031

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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221 Old Lair Road
Cynthiana, KY 41031

Tribute Wall



“ *Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials, & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Pauline Brown Copes*



Woodhead Funeral Home - February 13 at 10:05 AM

BD

“ *Cathy and Danny,
We were so sorry to read of the passing of your mother. She was a lovely lady and we are sure she will be greatly missed at Elmarch Methodist Church and the Cynthiana community. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Janice and Bill Doan
Wilmington, NC*

Bill and Janice Doan - February 17 at 02:17 PM

AC

“ *May you be comforted at this time of grief and find special memories to hold close. Bless the family... Anthony and Donna Childers*



Anthony and Donna Childers - February 14 at 10:14 AM

LC

“ Cathy and I met at UK. Cathy took me to her house for dinner. I remember Pauline poured me a glass of iced tea (I didn't like tea). My solution was to drink it as fast as possible to get it over with. Of course Pauline refilled it as soon as I finished it 😬. I confessed a few months later. We still laugh about it. Pauline was a nice lady, I'm glad she had many crazy adventures.

Lana Catanese - February 13 at 07:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.



February 12 at 01:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pauline Brown Copes.

February 12 at 01:16 PM

JS

“ Jerry & Sandy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.



Jerry & Sandy - February 12 at 11:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.*



February 11 at 10:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.*



February 11 at 08:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Ms. Pauline's passing. She kept us well fed at Eastside School's cafeteria...homemade yeast rolls, pie.... She will be missed by so many. Continuing prayers in the days ahead.*



Denise Marshall - February 10 at 08:48 PM



“ *Thoughts and Prayer Grew up with this wonderful family.. Thoughts and Prayers for the family today and days to come.*

Cynthia Lizer - February 10 at 08:01 PM

PF

“ So sorry for your loss. Pauline was a beautiful lady! 🙏❤️



Patty Fryman - February 10 at 08:53 AM

CP

“ Candi Philpott lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brown Copes



Candi Philpott - February 10 at 07:04 AM

CP

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for this family.

Candi Philpott - February 10 at 07:04 AM

GA

“ Grant, Kelsey, Rhodes, Campbell & Albus purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.



Grant, Kelsey, Rhodes, Campbell & Albus - February 09 at 09:17 PM

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“ I thought the world of her she was always so nice and spoke to me went she saw me she was a sweet lady

irene irvin - February 09 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Pauline. She was a sweetheart. Johnny worked at Eastside when Pauline was a lunch lady . She took good care of him . She will be missed by SO many . Prayers for her family 🙏



Johnny and Kitty Curtis - February 09 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ I remember working with her as the lunch lady at Eastside. She was always so sweet and kind to everyone. Prayers for the family.

Sally Curry - February 09 at 07:37 PM

KG

“ My deepest sympathy to Danny Ray and Cathy. I will forever remember our times riding Blaze and Kate at your farm. Your Mom and Dad were the best.

Karen Haleman Galde - February 09 at 06:49 PM

MF

“ She was really nice. I am very sad to hear this.

Mike Fryman - February 09 at 04:57 PM

GH

“ Gary and Cindy Hollon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Pauline Brown Copes.



Gary and Cindy Hollon - February 09 at 02:52 PM