



## Pat Copeland

February 20, 1938 - February 7, 2019

Patsy Sue Copeland

Surrounded by her loving family, Pat passed away peacefully on February 6, 2019, at the age of 81, after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Gideon, Missouri to the late Lester and Ida May Lawrence, she was the devoted wife of more than 36 years to the late Robert W. Copeland, the beloved mother of Ken (Laurie), Barry (Lisa), and Brad (Michelle), and the adoring Grammy of Daniel (Megan), Patrick, David (Molly), James, Blake, Will, Brandon, Jessica and Beth Copeland. Pat was the youngest of 11 siblings including the late Kermit (Jenny), Inez (Johnny), Jim (Lou), Carrie (Claude), Norman (Joyce), and Fred (Marilou). She is survived by her sisters, Marilyn, Leta (Lindsay - deceased) and Wanda (Richard - deceased).

She graduated from Gideon High School where she was a majorette and Miss Gideon. She received a scholarship to nurses training at Missouri Baptist Hospital and after graduating worked as an OR nurse. At Third Baptist Church, where she was a long time member, she met the love of her life, Bob Copeland. They married in 1958. After raising her three boys, she returned to nursing as a school nurse and health teacher at Brentwood High School. Pat was known for her amazing decorations for numerous Brentwood proms. She would later return to school and receive her masters degree from Webster University.

Pat's outgoing and positive attitude was contagious. A hands on go-getter with many hobbies, she enjoyed jewelry making, Indian art, tennis, gardening, sewing, entertaining, hunting & fishing, bridge, square dancing, travel and painting.

She was never afraid of hard work or tackling challenging tasks. Around the house, she took it upon herself to shingle the roof, retile the floors, paint pretty much the entire house, and even install and repair plumbing. At the farm, where she liked to fish and hunt, she also found time to run the tractor, plant pecan trees, clear brush, and put in vegetable gardens.

Pat adored her family and delighted in the many summer family vacations to Destin, Florida and occasionally more adventurous vacations like rock-hounding out West and a self-guided canoeing trip in the Canadian wilderness.

She had a relentless positive spirit, an always cheerful and outgoing disposition, and a servant's loving heart. She will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Services will be Saturday morning, February 9. Visitation 10:00 am followed by the service at 10:30 am, both at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 10301 Big Bend Road, 63122. Lunch reception immediately following the services.

In lieu of flowers contributions to The American Brain Foundation ([americanbrainfoundation.org](http://americanbrainfoundation.org)), or Nursing School - Missouri Baptist University ([mobap.edu](http://mobap.edu)), would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Copeland*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *My name is Larry Sharp, my mother (Doris) and Carrie were best friends. Pat and I grew up together, were in the same grade through High School and were always very close. I would have attended the services today, except I have just received the notice and live in Poplar Bluff. I would have visited her in the home where she was a patient, but I was told she wouldn't recognize me and that she confused easily. Donna Gale has kept me up to date on her condition. I would like the family to know she has always been a dear friend and that I am very sorry for their loss. I'm sure her children wouldn't remember me, but they may remember that Boyt Johnson and I visited her in your home shortly after your father passed away. My condolences to all of you.*

Larry Sharp - February 09, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *We have wonderful memories of "Patsy Sue" and Bob ... all the way back to the mid-1950's at Missouri Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. Here's to those carefree days and memories! Ray and Helen (Parker) Killebrew -- Kirkwood, MO*

Ray and Helen Killebrew - February 08, 2019 at 03:01 PM

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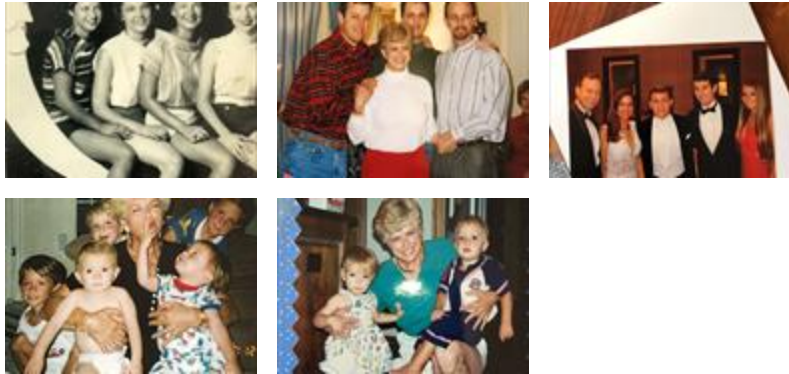
“ I remember Aunt Pat as ever-smiling and always upbeat. She never met a project she wouldn't tackle and conquer. Such high energy all.the.time!! As a flower girl in her wedding to Uncle Bob, I thought she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. And she was beautiful inside and out. Love and hugs to you all. I know you will miss her deeply. Jo and Rick Moore

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**Jo Ann Moore** - February 08, 2019 at 01:37 PM

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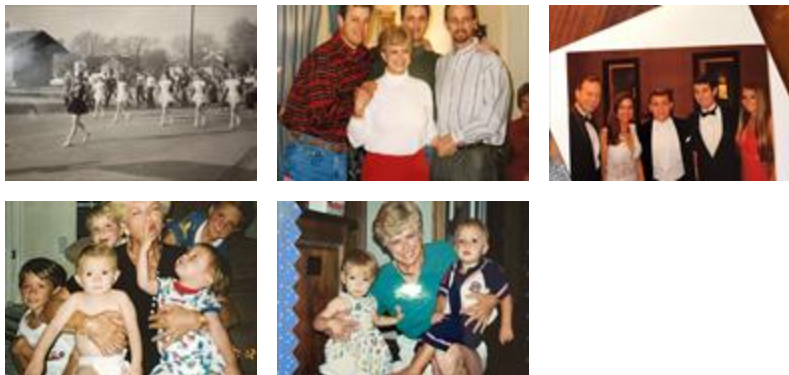


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**Ken Copeland** - February 08, 2019 at 01:05 PM

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**Ken Copeland** - February 08, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ Copeland family, my sincerest condolences on the passing of Pat. She was a great inspiration to me. As a new Christian in my teenage years, Pat was part of the leadership team for the youth group at Third Baptist. I learned a lot from her encouragement and personal example. it's a comfort to know that she is now with God.  
- Jason Kaminsky

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**Jason Kaminsky** - February 08, 2019 at 12:22 PM