



William Copple

December 13, 1937 - May 24, 2019

William Audell Copple passed away on May 24, 2019 in Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, Texas. He was born in Schleicher County Texas in 1937 to Ira Audell and Cornelia E Copple. As a child he and his cousin spent a lot of their free time swimming in and playing around the Frio river. His first jobs were helping his Dad and uncle William feeding cows and other livestock and then chopping Cedar in the Hill country.

He was introduced to his wife of 56 years Barbara L Edwards by her brother Raymon on October 8, 1960. They married June 8, 1962. They had 3 daughters.

At age 19 on April 8 1957 he went to work at CP&L now AEP. He remained at CP&L 37 years. He earned the name Hurricane Willie because he and the line crew would travel to areas that had been hit by hurricane to restore power. He told many stories about those times. He often spoke of staying in motels that were surrounded by water and even at times the flood water would also enter the rooms they were staying in. He spoke of how hard the work was but also how rewarding it was. We would often go riding around Del Rio so he could point out new power lines that had been put in for the ever growing town he learned to love. He retired in 1993.

In the years before his retirement he spent weekends in Campwood Tx. where he enjoyed helping his cousin work on his place there. After retirement he moved to Campwood on a place he had bought with a plan to live out his life there. However he ended up moving back to Del Rio where he remained until

his passing.

He loved to whittle and could make just about anything you can imagine He made toys, chains, riffles, cars.....He had the greenest of thumbs. He could break a branch off a tree stick in the ground and it would grow. He had wonderful gardens every year. He was also one of the kindest gentlest men you could ever hope to know. His heart was open not only to humans but also to his many pets throughout the years. He would mark their passing by writing their name and date of passing on the wall in his little room off the dining room. He also would rescue turtles from roadways. Many a car ride was interrupted so he could help one off the side of the road. There are so many things he did for and with us throughout the years we had many an adventure (much to our mom's chagrin) Nailing a tent to th floor in the spare room for us to have a camp out, making us very tall stilts, placing a bed under a closet so we could jump off just to name a few.

He was an avid outdoorsman fishing and camping on what is now Lake Amistad.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ira A. and Cornelia E Copple, his siblings Ila Jo Welch and Edward A Copple. Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife Barbara L Copple, Daughters Cornelia E Harrison and husband David, Arlene L Walcott, and Gwendolyn L Harrington and husband Daniel . Grandchildren Robert W. harrison (Vanessa), Savannah M Pryer (Liz), Michael A Harrison (Pam), Justin M Harrison, Travis W Christley (Emily), Hannah R Hatcher (Joel), Stephen A Walcott, and Kimberly A Walcott. 13 great grandchildren and many, many other family and friends.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Gwen,

I just learned of your fathers passing. I am so sorry for you and your families loss. Please give my condolences to your Mom and sisters.

TH Osteen

TH Osteen - June 06, 2019 at 06:48 PM

LP

“ *Dearest Uncle Willie how can I even begin to say how much you've always meant to me much less how much I will miss hearing you say "Well Cindy Lou how are you doing?" I will treasure the memories forever and your stories until we meet again in heaven! Aunt Barbara my heart goes out to you as well as my cousin's in your time of grief. May we all have peace knowing he is not suffering anymore and watching over each of us. I can't even begin to thank both of you for always being there. Many times I rode my bike even with Brandon as a baby boy just to have a cup of coffee and enjoy the comfort of love I felt in your home. Uncle Willie cheers to you. Gone but never forgotten! Love Cindy Lou aka Linda Sue*

Linda Edwards Preece - June 02, 2019 at 09:16 PM

DD

“ *I first met William the day I moved to Del Rio. We rented a small mobile from he and Barbara and that day started a long friendship. One memory I have that stands out is the evening we had a fish fry at our home on Lake Amistad. William was in charge of the fish frying and my son Michael was excited to be his helper. William showed him how it was all done. He was always the quiet man in the background, but always welcomed everyone into his home.*

Dorothy Deason - June 02, 2019 at 11:17 AM

BC

“ *What can I say about William? He was my husband's best friend. He helped us date during our courtship by bringing Slim to Camp Wood almost every weekend. William always had a car; Slim did not have a car. I remember his and Barbara's wedding. It was a couple months before Slim came back from Korea where he served with the Army. I have known William since 1957 when I met my husband who also worked for CPL and later for WTU in San Angelo. They both had some of the same stories and were both great family men with soft hearts and a green thumb. They loved each other like brothers. Little did I know and little did Barbara know that I was kin to each of them; William through my Lacey line and Barbara through my Welch line. We did not realize the complete connection for many years and William thought that was just great; our children are double cousins. Barbara did not work outside the home until after her children were almost grown but she kept many a child that didn't belong to her. She was my baby sitter and of course, William was too. I loved talking to him about his years on the Frio River that he loved. His sister Jo married a Welch which also made her children double cousins to both he and I. He was a collector of many things, including little cars and coins. He and Slim shared their love of coins and of Camp Wood. He loved living there and so did Slim. Me, not so much, but I grew up there, they grew up in Sabinal and Concan. In the last few years, I have not seen him as much as I would have liked. Slim passed in 2009 and with William's passing an era of much love and laughter is gone. I hope they are going fishing in Heaven with their other CPL buddies. Gene Salmon, Dave Wharton, and many others. Rest in peace my friend.*

BARBARA CARMON - June 02, 2019 at 07:25 AM

Fred Fletcher

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Fred Fletcher - June 02, 2019 at 04:34 AM

Fred Fletcher

This says what I feel.....

Fred Fletcher - June 02, 2019 at 04:34 AM

AB

Love this Fred. 💕🙏💋

Aunt Barbara - June 05, 2019 at 11:47 AM

Fred Fletcher

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Fred Fletcher - June 02, 2019 at 04:25 AM



This is back around 1971, when They took my family in while my father was over seas. Many people in the same house, with a lot of love being shared. I will never forget these times and cherish them for as long as I live.

Fred Fletcher - June 02, 2019 at 04:27 AM



“ *My Dad was a wonderful man. He truly was a family man, he loved with all his heart. There are so many things that I am going to miss, his whistle, his little mischievous laugh, his practical jokes. This is so very hard, saying goodbye to the first man that a girl ever loved. I miss him so much, I love you daddy always have and always will. Rest In Peace my sweet Daddy. I am loving you, Forever Your Rean Beaner (Arlene L. Walcott)*

Arlene Walcott - June 02, 2019 at 12:11 AM

SV

“ *Enjoyed the times I spent with him. He was so patient and showed me all the neat things he had collected, made or grown. He will truly be missed. I'm so sorry for your lost Barbara, Gwen, Connie and all the family.*

Stephanie Vick - June 02, 2019 at 12:05 AM

RP

“ *Barbara and girls, so sorry for your loss. William was such a nice guy . May he Rest In Peace and out of pain.*

richard and Jane Pratt - June 01, 2019 at 11:48 PM

DC

“ To Barbra and Family. The highlight of my year was when my family would go visit Uncle Ira and Aunt Corneila at their place near Con Can on the Frio River. We would stay about a week. William and I would spend most of our time on the river swimming and fishing. Those were great times that I will never forget. May God bless you and keep you during this time of loss. Remembering you in my prayers.

Dalton Copple

Dalton Copple - May 31, 2019 at 11:23 PM

BC

Thanks Dalton I remember we went to Hobbs on our Honeymoon.

Barbara Copple - June 02, 2019 at 12:10 AM

TL

“ I have a life time of wonderful memories of William. He had a little mischievousness about him that always made him fun to be around. He cared deeply for his family and I know he will surely be missed. Love to the family, Tomma Lynn

tomma lynn - May 29, 2019 at 04:07 PM

BC

Thanks Tomma Lynn. Love you so much.

Barbara Copple - June 02, 2019 at 12:07 AM

JU

“ Dear Barbara & Family,

My prayers are with all of you.

William is truly at PEACE. All his family and Barbara's were there to greet him and welcome him home.

May all of you receive Gods peace in your heart as He fills each of you with His grace to take one day at a time.

Hold onto the good memories they will bring you comfort during the rough times.

*God bless each of you,
Judy Smith*



Judy - May 26, 2019 at 06:38 PM

BC

Thank you Judy

Barbara Copple - June 02, 2019 at 01:06 AM