

Obituary

Vera J. Copeland, 92, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2026, at North Point Nursing Home, Paola, Kansas.

Vera was born June 20, 1934, in Harrod, Ohio, to Midd and Esta (Zimmerman) Gossard and three siblings. She graduated from Waynesfield High School where she met Duane W. Copeland, whom she married in 1952. They had 3 children, Dennis D., Douglas W., and Jeffrey E. Copeland who grew up in North Kansas City, Missouri. Vera navigated a divorce and single motherhood in 1969 and was always very proud of her boys. She worked as a secretary before becoming a bartender for over 20 years until retirement. She remarried to David M. Andrews, in 2002. Vera was a very bright, charming, unforgettable, and vivacious woman who loved her family and life itself. She will be dearly missed by all.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents, her three siblings, both husbands, and her children, Dennis and Jeffrey Copeland, daughter-in-law Elynn Copeland, grandson Duane J. Copeland, and stepson Mark Andrews.

Vera is survived by her son Douglas W. Copeland (Mette), daughter-in-law Susan Copeland, seven grandchildren: Dennis P., Kyle, Kelly, Katrine, Nina, Paul and Douglas J.; and thirteen great grandchildren: Charlotte, Ella, Andreas, Kian, Mia, Nora, Magnus, Henrik, Gavin, Katie, Garrett, Charlotte and Victoria. She is also survived by two stepchildren, Lisa and Kathy, a step-daughter-in-law Anita, and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Services In Care Of



In Memory Of



Vera Jean Copeland

June 20, 1934 ~ August 30, 2026

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
and only remember the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
and remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard
battles and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day.
But in summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay,
and come in the shade of evening
when the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
and remember only my best.

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Date of Birth
June 20, 1934

Entered Into Rest
August 30, 2026

Memorial Services
3:00 PM, Sunday, September 13, 2026
Dengel & Son Mortuary
Paola, Kansas

Officiating
Rev. Maria Penrod

Recorded Music Selections
"How Great Thou Art" by Carrie Underwood
"I Will Always Love You" by Dolly Parton
"What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong
"The Lord's Prayer" by Reba McEntire

*On the wings
of an angel*