



William Charles Copes Jr.

February 21, 1959 - April 2, 2026

William “Bill” Copes Jr., age 67, of Flintville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at Highpoint Health in Winchester, Tennessee, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was a man of quiet strength and gentle spirit, known for his deep love of animals and his appreciation for life’s simple, meaningful moments. In 1992, he married his soulmate, Mary Jane, and together they shared 32 wonderful years of marriage. In his younger years, he was an avid bowler who participated in many leagues and tournaments, a pastime that brought him both joy and camaraderie. A truly gifted carpenter, he later found great fulfillment in woodworking and wood burning, skillfully transforming raw materials into works of art with his own two hands. His workshop was his sanctuary—a place where creativity and craftsmanship came together in perfect harmony.

He found peace in fishing and took pride in every project he completed, always striving for excellence in his work. Bill dedicated many years of his life as a maintenance supervisor for a healthcare facility in Philadelphia and later as the owner of his own pest control business. His strong work ethic and commitment to providing for his family were evident in everything he did. In 2015, Bill retired to Tennessee, where he spent his later years doing what he loved most—working in his garage, creating, building, and enjoying the quiet life he had earned. It was there, surrounded by the tools of his trade and the things he loved, that he found his greatest contentment.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Dorothy Copes of Decherd, Tennessee; his brother, Wayne Copes; his daughter, Celeste Ramirez; and his grandson, Colin Dougherty.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Mary Jane Copes of Flintville, Tennessee; his sister, Dottie Ann Bauhof of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and his brother, Ed Copes of Manchester, Tennessee.

He is also survived by his children: William Copes III (Kindra) of Elora, Tennessee; Bobbie Jo Copes of Decherd, Tennessee; Wayne Copes (Krista) of Prospect Park, Pennsylvania; Barbie Copes (Ron) of Essington, Pennsylvania; Johnny Copes of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Tina Copes of Spring City, Tennessee; and Lisa Amoroso (Danny) of Cape May, New Jersey. He is further survived by 20 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. He will be cremated and returned to his family.

Bill will be remembered for his kind heart, his steady hands, and the love he poured into both his work and his family. His legacy lives on in the pieces he created and the memories he leaves behind.

Online condolences may be made at www.lynchburgfuneralhome.com.

Lynchburg Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William Charles Copes Jr.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Missing you everyday. They say times heals all wounds, it's going to be a very long time of healing my heart and soul. You were my everything and I need to learn how to live without you by my side. I will always keep the many happy memories of our life together in my heart.*

I miss you like crazy, I will never forget the love we shared for over 32 years.

You may be gone but I will forever hold you in my heart until we meet again.

Love and miss you ☐ 🥹

Mary Jane J Copes - May 02 at 10:12 PM

MC

“ *I miss you so much. Everything in the house I look at, brings back another memory of you. When I'm in my sewing room, I find myself looking around. There are so many things in that room you either bought or made for me. I treasure each and every thing you gave or made for me. There are 3 items special to me. The sewing cabinet and cutting table you made for me and a small 6 drawer bureau, that you ordered for me without me knowing and delivered after you were on a ventilator. I still haven't figured out when you ordered it or if there was a shipping delay. I remember shortly before your 1st hospital stay, I mentioned something I saw on sale, but never got the chance to look at it to see if it would fit where I wanted to put it. It may not be the identical one I looked at, but what you ordered is perfect and fits under my cutting table. You knew from the start that I never wanted the best, most expensive, or whatever was the rage. I was thankful for whatever we had. I was so lucky to have crossed paths with you over 32 years ago. From here on out, it will be me, my animals and my memories of our life together. XXOO* ☐

Mary Jane Copes - April 16 at 09:46 PM

MC

“ I miss you so much and everything around me, are constant reminders that you are gone. Joy is still grieving and Daenerys, misses the head scratching and being held by you. I gave both of them something that has your scent on it. I think about you constantly, wondering if you've found your Mom, Dad, and brother, Wayne. I hope and pray you are now together. I've watched that video I made from still photos and posted it on Facebook and the music is I Believe, our 1st dance at our wedding in 1992. I've played that song so many times, Wonderful tonight by Eric Clapton, another one of our favorite songs. I'm so sorry I was not in your room when you crossed over. That is something for another time, I'll handle that and it won't be pretty. I love you 💕

Mary Jane Copes - April 12 at 10:28 PM

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Tommy DeMeis - April 19 at 09:52 PM

JT

“ James troupe lit a candle in memory of William Copes



James troupe - April 11 at 07:29 PM

LA

“ Lisa Amoroso sent a virtual gift in memory of William Copes



Lisa Amoroso - April 10 at 05:02 PM

JR

“ My condolences to your family 🙏🙏🙏 he was a great guy



Joan Ruggeri - April 10 at 11:31 AM

MC

“ So much I miss about you, especially when I'd bring in the mail, hand you a small package to have you give it back to me. You couldn't wait for me to open it and I couldn't wait to see what it was. I loved how thoughtful you always were our entire marriage. For you, telling me you loved me wasn't enough, you always managed to find something that reminded me, as if I needed that. I loved making room on my sewing machine cabinet you made me with one more thing you got me. You knew from the beginning, I wasn't one who wanted the most expensive material things and neither did you. I treasure the memories we made over the years and the love we had for one another.



Mary Jane Copes - April 09 at 10:33 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss I remember when you first meet Bill at the bowling alley and then we both joined the league with Ed what great times we had back in the day Bill was a great person Love You

Mary Hicks - April 09 at 03:19 PM

WC

“ Dad its been fairly tough adjusting to the fact that your no longer here to receive a text or a phone call when I have a silly question about a wood project or something that I need to ask about home repairs. I know the last year was truly hard on you physically ,emotionally and mentally. But you kept pushing thru. I know in my heart that your no longer in pain and have joined all of our heavenly family rejoicing and watching over us down here. I'll miss your laugh and your sense of humor and kind heart. I love you ol man.



William Copes - April 07 at 08:54 PM

MC

“ Miss you so much and wish you were here with me. I know you would have stayed if you could. Your eyes, barely opened but when they did, I knew you'd be leaving, you wanted off the ventilator, wanted no more dialysis, no more of anything, you were tired and ready to make that journey into the afterlife. Do not worry about me, you did enough worrying about me while you were here, enough to last until I join you when my time comes. Know that the love we shared was so special, not every couple gets to experience a love like ours. I know the one person you found was your brother Wayne. Lots of catching up with him and the multitude of family and friends who passed before you. When you find Colin, tell him Mom is so sorry I didn't get there to see and talk with him before he was on life sustaining measures and unable to talk. Tell everyone else on both sides of the family I missed and love them too! Don't be up there with Bill Wallace carrying on, you both will be put in the time out room in heaven. Love and will miss you every day.
MJ (WIFEY) XXOO 💕

Mary Jane Copes - April 07 at 07:48 PM

MC

“ Mary Jane Copes sent a virtual gift in memory of William Copes



Mary Jane Copes - April 07 at 07:23 PM

MC

“ *Mary Jane Copes lit a candle in memory of William Copes*



Mary Jane Copes - April 07 at 07:21 PM



“ *I miss you so much Honey!
I know you would have stayed here if you could have. I will remember every kiss, hug, and I love you until I get up there with you. It's never goodbye, it is until we meet again. Give everyone up there a hug, too many to name, you know who they are. Tell Colin Memom misses him so very much. I love you to the moon and back.*



Mary Jane Copes - April 07 at 06:51 PM