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*One school is finished, and
the time has come for another to begin.*

Richard Bach - Jonathan Livingston Seagull

DEATH TAKES THE BODY.
GOD TAKES THE SOUL.
OUR MIND HOLDS THE MEMORIES.
OUR HEART KEEPS THE LOVE.
OUR FAITH LETS US KNOW
THAT WE WILL MEET AGAIN.

– Author Unknown

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Prayer

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Words of Comfort & Message

Closing Prayer

Officiant: Rev. Farrett Boswell



The family thanks the many friends and relatives as well as the staff at The Phoenix at Lake Lanier who have offered their love and support.



“Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are.”

– St. John Chrysostom

Hazel Catherine Gentry Copelan

Hazel Catherine Gentry Copelan of Gainesville, GA formerly of Martinez and Greensboro, GA, died Monday, May 6, 2019 at the age of 90 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA. Born in White Plains, GA on April 3, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Robert Herschel Gentry and Reba Turner Gentry. Hazel graduated from Greensboro High School in 1946. She won the National 4-H Champion in Farm Safety in 1946 at the age of 17. She served as the president, vice president and secretary of the White Plains 4-H chapter. While in high school, she was instrumental in raising funds for a fire proof metal roof for Liberty Church, along with being in charge of the firefighting equipment. After high school she graduated from West Georgia College.

On May 17, 1953, Hazel married Norris Copelan in Gainesville, GA, a marriage that would last 63 years. She worked as an executive secretary for the E. I. Dupont Savannah River Plant and the Social Security Administration.

She was a licensed amateur radio operator (KA4IOU), a life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and member of the Navy-Marine Corps Military Radio Affiliate Program (NNNOZLJ) where she held various regional and state responsibilities.

In October 2016 she and Norris moved to The Phoenix at Lake Lanier assisted living in Gainesville GA.

She is survived by her children, Robert Copelan and wife, Gabriele Koecher of Flowery Branch, GA and Janet Hallman and husband, David of Greensboro, GA; grandchildren, Josh Holliday of Lexington, KY and Robert Holliday of Greensboro, GA; sister-in-law, Shirley Gentry; niece, Mary Beth Patat; as well as other relatives, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Norris and all of her siblings, Irene Gentry, Rebecca Gentry and Rayford Gentry.

Graveside Services will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Greenview Cemetery with Rev. Farrett Boswell officiating. Serving as pallbearers are Robert Holliday, Danny Coad, Joe McNorrill, Darrell Merritt, Henry Pruett, Demone Clark. Honorary pallbearers are Dawn Coons, Megan Medlin and Katerina Patrick. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Liberty United Methodist Church, c/o Dede Smith, 1691 Bramlett Road, Greensboro, GA 30642. The family will receive friends Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until time for the service at McCommons Funeral Home. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest register.



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