



Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell

July 1, 1945 - June 15, 2022

Judy Copeland Rowell, of Bowdon, passed away on June 15, 2022. She was born in Carrollton, Georgia on July 1, 1945, the daughter of the late James Millard Copeland and Lerie Evelyn Traylor Copeland. She grew up in the Tallapoosa Community outside Carrollton and lived her adult years near Bowdon on the farm owned by her great grandparents.

She graduated from Bowdon High School in 1963. She earned a B.A in English from West Georgia College in 1966, having worked in the office of Dean George Walker as a campus switchboard operator. Following graduation, she taught junior high school English for three years at Roopville Elementary School before returning to the graduate school to earn her Master's and Specialist's degrees in Guidance and Counseling. She spent 27 years as the counselor at Bowdon Primary/Elementary and then Bowdon Elementary before her retirement in 1997. Adding five more years as a part time counselor for Carroll County and Carrollton City, she worked at every grade level from pre-k through twelve. She served a term as president of Georgia Elementary School Counselors and was the first secretary of the North Georgia College Parents' Association.

On June 12, 1966, she married James Lovvorn Rowell, Jr., and to this union was born two children Julie Carol Rowell (Steed) and Copeland James Rowell.

She is a member of Victory United Methodist Church where she served as SPRC chair and facilities coordinator and also attended Bowdon Methodist

Church where she was a member of the Handbell Choir for many years and secretary of the Church Council.

Her life will be remembered as a woman who loved her family and friends, her community and her country in innumerable ways. She loved music, although she could not carry a tune, and the theater and supported them with her attendance. She loved to travel and specifically to areas of historic interest. She was an active member of several organizations. She had a special love for history, and along with her husband she served as Museum Chairs of Bowdon Area Historical Society. She was Scholarship Chair and Awards Chair for Carroll-Heard Retired Educators. She was honored by the Alumni Association of the University of West Georgia with the Thelma Harman Turner Loyalty Award, granting her life membership on the Board of Directors. She was one of two alumni representing the UWG Alumni Association who served on the Athletics Marketing Identity Task Force which transitioned the University from Braves to Wolves and was an avid Wolves Football fan. She participated in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Researching her families' histories was an ongoing project in her adult life. She maintained big white notebooks where she kept the generational information of the Copeland, Jackson, Traylor, Smith, and earlier families in her family lines.

She was a member of the Major General Patrick R. Cleburne, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Generals Barton and Stovall History Heritage Association. She served on the Carroll EMC Foundation Board of Directors, the Bowdon Schools Education Foundation, the Southern Quilt Trail Steering Committee, the West Georgia Textile Trail and the Carroll County Convention and Visitors Bureau. In 1981, she was honored as Bowdon's Woman of the Year.

She is survived by her husband, James Lovvorn Rowell Jr; daughter, Julie Steed; son and daughter-in-law, Cope and Tara Rowell; grandchildren, Mattie Steed, Caroline Steed and Ramsey Rowell; brother and sister-in-law Eddie

and Jennifer Rowell; numerous cousins; and special friend and former student, August Smith.

Services will be held at Bowdon Methodist Church on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Prior to the services, the family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Bowdon Area Historical Society, Victory Methodist Church or Bowdon Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Service

JUL 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Mrs Rowell was always like family to the Griffies/Voelck family. I always loved Judy and Jim. - Kimberly (Voelck) Davis*

Kimberly Davis - March 22, 2024 at 03:04 PM

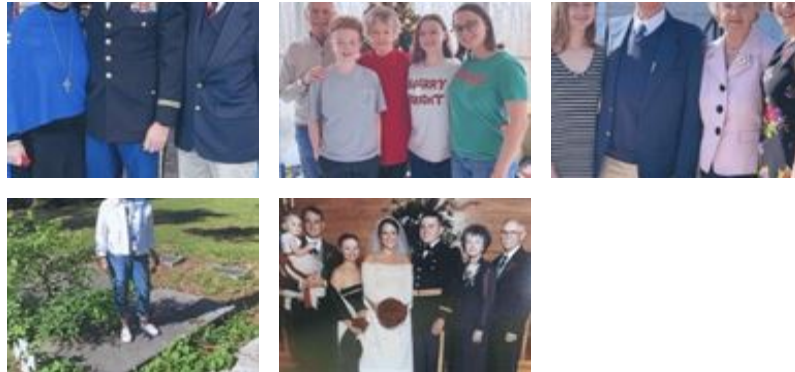
AH

“ *She seemed to have accomplished a great deal in her life. My Aunt Jean Lovern Dewberry was from Bowdon & spoke of her home often.*

Ann Harmon - July 02, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *61 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - July 01, 2022 at 03:58 PM

TC

“ *Terence And Eboni Caple lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Terence and Eboni Caple - June 30, 2022 at 12:46 PM

SW

“ Susan Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Susan Williamson - June 30, 2022 at 04:33 AM

AW

“ Amanda Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Amanda Whitaker - June 24, 2022 at 10:53 AM

DF

“ Prayers and love to Mrs. Judy's family, Anthony and Darlene Freeman



Darlene Freeman - June 23, 2022 at 07:49 AM

RN

“ Rena Noles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Rena Noles - June 22, 2022 at 03:30 PM

DF

“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Debra Ford - June 21, 2022 at 12:26 PM

CT

“ *Charlene Tigner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Charlene Tigner - June 21, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Ann Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Ann Anderson - June 21, 2022 at 12:23 AM

DH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was such a special lady with such a beautiful smile who touched many people enriching their lives with her enthusiasm and knowledge about whatever she was involved in at the time. Prayers for Jim and all of the family.*

David and Anna Harris - June 20, 2022 at 08:18 PM

PA

“ *Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Patty Akin - June 19, 2022 at 06:46 PM

JS

“ *Mrs. Rowell was a very compassionate lady. I had the pleasure of working with her at BES. She always had a smile.*



Jan Stitcher - June 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM

TF

Judy and I shared so many great memories being on the majorette squad and in the Bowdon High School concert band . It is a wonder that Judy and I aren't bald. We twirled fire around our hair that was full of hair spray which is very combustible! Since high school, we've remained friends even though Dorsey and I have lived out of state. The last time we visited Jim and Judy, she showed me her "death bag" that contained pictures and funeral programs that Jim and her children could choose from. She wanted to make it easier on her family in planning her funeral. Always thinking of others was so Judy. That's why we all love her so much and will greatly miss her.

Tena Freeman - June 19, 2022 at 07:52 PM

LC

“ 7 files added to the album judy



Larry Crowe - June 19, 2022 at 04:06 PM

GH

“ Grant And Tabbie Huff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Grant and Tabbie Huff - June 19, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Tyree Landers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Tyree Landers - June 19, 2022 at 06:30 AM

DM

“ *Danny Musick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Danny Musick - June 18, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DM

“ *I am saddened to hear of Judy's passing...a good friend of my brother Larry Musick and his wife Elise. Sweet lady!*

Danny Musick

Danny Musick - June 18, 2022 at 05:38 PM

BH

“ *Jim, Sharon and I were saddened by this news, and send our very sincere condolences.*
Bill and Sharon Hearnburg

Bill Hearnburg - June 18, 2022 at 02:43 PM

JM

“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Janie Meadows - June 18, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MH

“ Mike & Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Mike & Lee Haynes - June 18, 2022 at 09:23 AM

LC

“ Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell



Larry Crowe - June 17, 2022 at 09:21 PM

LC

A good friend for many years, will really miss her.

Larry Crowe - June 17, 2022 at 09:22 PM

VN

“ I truly was heart broken when I heard the news that Judy had gone home. I spent the past year working with Judy while writing a book about my family history. Judy would go over and beyond to help me, she even opened the Bowdon Museum for me when she knew I was coming to Bowdon from Alabama.

I really got to know Judy and considered her a dear friend. I always looked forward to seeing her. She was a straight up lady, honest to the core and funny. When Judy got to know you, she invited you into her wonderful heart.

I will shed tears each time I go back and read our emails and text messages. I am so blessed to have known Judy and I will never forget her.

*Vickie R. Nesbitt
Cullman, Alabama*

Vickie R. Nesbitt - June 17, 2022 at 08:06 PM

RA

“ OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO JIM AND FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS. JUDY WAS ALWAYS WELCOMING TO NEWW PEOPLE IN THE BOWDON AREA, SHE AND JIM WERE FAITHFUL TO GOD'S CHURCH AND JUDY WILL BE MISSED. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THIS FINE CHRISTIAN FAMILY! JIMMIE KAYE AND RICHARD ALLEN

Richard Allen - June 17, 2022 at 07:38 PM

JW

“ i reckon i first became aware of judy when we went to high school together. she was a quiet influence on all of us with her positive outlook and joyful spirit. she had an effect on everyone in her life and for the better too .she leaves behind a legacy of caring and sharing all those and many more things for us to remember her with and we will!



James Williams - June 17, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ Judy was in my older brother's high school class. I remember she was their Homecoming Queen. I always thought she was so pretty. Seeing this picture now, I'm not sure how recent it was taken, but she is still beautiful. I am so sorry for your loss.



Kay Driver - June 17, 2022 at 06:40 PM

DP

“ Deepest sympathy from the Ralph Norton family.



Debbie Pyles - June 17, 2022 at 03:33 PM

BL

“ *Bart Loftin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Copeland Rowell*



Bart Loftin - June 17, 2022 at 03:11 PM

ED

“ *Mrs. Rowell and Her family my best memories was everyday in school you made every student feels safe, important and love I remember being a young 3rd grader I have difficulty pronounce words she would come and get me out of class and teach me how to pronounce words as she always had the most lovely sweet caring aroma that she truly care for me ...Thank you Mrs. Rowell*

ellen Dawson - June 17, 2022 at 12:22 PM

DW

“ *Judy Rowell was a special lady. She and Jim have been friends of mine for over 40 years and she taught me many things about the human/rational spirit of how people behave. One story I want to share occurred around 1984 when I was stranded down on a hunting lease in Heard County. I called Jim's house to ask him to come pull my truck back home. Judy answered the phone and said Jim wasn't there, but she would gladly come to tow me back home. She didn't hesitate and within the hour she was driving up with Cope in Jim's 4x4 truck. She was fearless with such a graceful spirit and I will truly miss her.*

Dave Windom

Dave Windom - June 17, 2022 at 09:47 AM

TM

“ *Love and prayers for you all she will be missed such a great lady* ”



tina and buck meherg - June 17, 2022 at 08:43 AM