



Mrs. Rochell Copeland

April 22, 1931 - June 17, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Rochell Copeland was born in Montgomery, Alabama on April 22, 1931, to the union of Willie and Louise Denard, who preceded her in death. She was educated in the Birmingham Public Schools and graduated from Parker High School.

Rochell joined the Oak Street Baptist Church in Birmingham at an early age and sang in the choir. When she relocated to Detroit in the early 1950's she joined with the True Light Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor John Johnson. She sang in the choir and faithfully supported the church both financially and spiritually.

Rochell met and married the love of her life, Ned Copeland on April 23, 1959. This union was blessed with six children: Fred, Mable, Marva, Willie, Josie, and Victor Copeland. They all preceded her in death. On December 10, 1964 Rev. Ned Copeland was called to Pastor Romulus Community Baptist Church and Rochell officially moved her membership to this church on March 15, 1965. Rochell applied all her talents to the work of the church and gave much love to her church family. Over the years, she served on the Usher Board, the Mother's Board, the Pastor's Aide, and she sang in the choir. She was always front and center helping with every cause and special event. She was also mothering and loving on all the children of the flock.

Rochell worked in retail for many years until school busing began in Detroit which created the perfect job for her. She then became a bus attendant for special needs children. This job allowed her to mentor, support and love hundreds of children until she retired. Many of these children called upon her for guidance long after they aged out of the school system.

Rochell was a superb cook, an adventurous traveler and avid bowler. She joined the Fantastic's bowling club shortly after it was formed and was on a team that won the City Championship and was "Bowler of the Month" on several occasions. She remained an active member of the club until she retired her ball and remained a Lifetime Member until her death. She was a devoted member of her church and appreciated all the love, support, prayers and monthly visits with communion she received right up until her death.

Rochell departed this life on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Waterford Oaks Senior Care after a brief illness. She leaves a rich legacy of giving and caring for others. She never denied a friend, refused a request from her church family, or failed to support any family member or friend. She leaves to celebrate her life a brother, Archie Denard; a sister, Bertha Denard; a "niece"/caregiver Joyce White; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, her church family and a host of other relatives and friends. We will miss her.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Jun. **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Jun. **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Romulus Community Baptist Church
6200 4th St.
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 729-0630
church@romuluscbc.org
<http://www.romuluscbc.org>

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jun. **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ Patricia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rochell Copeland.

Patricia D. - June 28, 2024 at 12:29 PM

DT

“ Our greatest memory of Rochelle was her love of family and life itself. Our prayers go out to her memory and family! Alabama family which includes Byrd, Thomas and Dabney's 🙏

Deborah Byrd Thomas - June 27, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GD

“ Condolences and Deepest Sympathy
Cousin: Glenn Dabney and Family
Birmingham, Al



Glenn Dabney - June 24, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rochell Copeland.



June 24, 2024 at 12:45 PM

FD

“ From Mike & Tabitha Denard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rochell Copeland.

From Mike & Tabitha Denard - June 24, 2024 at 12:45 PM

RJ

“ Always had a beautiful smile. A beautiful and lovely person.

Robena Johnson - June 22, 2024 at 08:29 PM

SM

“ Steve and Tammy Mabry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Rochell Copeland.



Steve and Tammy Mabry - June 20, 2024 at 11:21 PM

MF

“ Mel and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Rochell Copeland.



Mel and family - June 20, 2024 at 04:48 PM