



Leona Mary Copeland

April 2, 1943 - May 7, 2017

Leona "Toots" Mary Copeland died May 7, 2017 at the age of 74 in Willcox. She was born in Cayuga, North Dakota on April 2, 1943 to Theodore Peplinski and Irene Rybus Peplinski. She was a loving homemaker and was a volunteer for the Miami Food Bank. Leona is survived by her children; Penny (Ted) Long of Willcox, Lance Copeland of Maricopa and Doug (Kasey) Copeland of Globe along with 7 grandchildren. Also surviving are her brothers Jim and LaVerne Peplenski and a sister Revenia "Babe" Nelson. Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband Lyle Copeland. Family services will be held at a later date. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Arrangements entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary & Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Being a military wife, we often get transplanted into a new area. I virtually didn't know anyone about my husband's family. I felt lost and lonely. Then a wife of my husband's friend, said, you've got to meet your sister in law Toots. And that's where it took off. We were the best of friends, she taught me how to cross-stitch, and how to cut and collect wood. After her passing, we bought their trailer. Inside the trailer was, an exact replica crocheted chicken that she made for me , when we met. My chicken is in there too. Her husband's cowboy hat is at inside where he left it. I totally miss our camping buddies.*

Annette Copeland - July 20, 2024 at 04:05 AM



“ *Leona Mary Copeland*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

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“ *Jean Siemieniewski lit a candle in memory of Leona Mary Copeland*



Jean Siemieniewski - June 17, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ I'm sharing a second remembrance of Toots: From all the ladies who worked with her at the food bank, we will miss you. Betty McDaniel especially remembers grocery day when the two of them would proceed to price and stack 'millions' of cans in the back room, and gossiping as they worked!! And Hope Palmer too, although she didn't gossip as much. And Loretta Puzzi cracked the whip over all of us and kept us in line. And I came to rely on her myself when Loretta was out for surgery Toots always volunteered to help me, I don't know what I would have done without her help. Daniel Saenz says "Hey!" And Daniel Gayle was especially in sync with Toots. They would joke all the time. And Aurora and Murray were especially fond of her. My brother Howard and wife Becky from Tennessee send their wishes to your family. They met Toots while here on vacation. And my daughter Tara in Alabama met her while here last Christmas, she sends you condolences too. Hope you enjoy reading about some of our memories of your Mother. She was a very special person.

Pat Roscoe and the Ladies of Miami Food Bank

Patricia A Roscoe - June 01, 2017 at 12:57 PM

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“ Our family sends condolences to your family. I worked with Toots at the Miami Food Bank and we shared some good memories. She was a wonderful friend and we will surely miss her.. Pat Roscoe and son Tony.

Patricia A Roscoe - June 01, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of *Leona Mary Copeland*.



May 08, 2017 at 07:02 PM