



## Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells

October 1, 1932 - November 9, 2025

Mary Sue was the daughter of Byron and Mary Skiles Copeland. She was born in Shannon, Texas, on October 1, 1932. Mary Sue grew up on a farm between Shannon and Antelope. She attended school in both Shannon and Antelope, graduating from Antelope High School. Mary Sue worked in several banks in Fort Worth, then attended the University of Texas at Arlington, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. When she applied for a job in FWISD, she was told that if she got twelve hours of Special Education, she would be guaranteed a teaching position that year. Mary Sue attended Texas Woman's University in Denton, where she received a Master of Education degree. She taught school in Fort Worth until her retirement.

Mary Sue married Johnnie Wells on March 14, 1953. They were married for seventy-two years. Together, they raised two sons, Johnnie Kenneth and Paul David. Mary Sue and Johnnie made their home in Fort Worth for fifty-four years. In 2008, they built a new house on the Copeland homeplace and moved to Clay County. She particularly liked the peace and quiet of the country and the friendly people in the area. She served as secretary for the Antelope Ex-Students Association and on the program committee for the Shannon Cemetery Association until her health began to fail.

Mary Sue's hobbies were reading, writing, and oil painting. She and several friends compiled "A History of Shannon" about the small town where she grew

up. Mary Sue also wrote a novel, a book of poems, and, most recently, the life story of their son, Paul David, who passed away in October of 2022.

Mary Sue loved to do oil paintings. She had a studio near her home where she spent many happy hours painting with her 3 dogs keeping her company.

Mary Sue was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and a current member of the Antelope Methodist Church, where the Copeland and Wells families have attended for many years. She loved the church where she and Johnnie were married.

Mary Sue was predeceased by her parents, her son Paul, two brothers Joe and Gene, her beloved sister Sarah, and her husband Grant. She is survived by her husband, son Johnnie Kenneth, daughter-in-law Claudene, sisters-in-law Earline Wright and Betty Thornton, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Shannon Cemetery

436 Shannon Cemetery Road  
Henrietta, TX 76365

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Antelope United Methodist Church  
183 W Antelope Rd  
Antelope /Windthorst, TX 76389  
(940) 476-2473

## Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Chuck Bilby lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



**chuck Bilby** - December 03, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TW

“ *Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



**Thomas Wyatt** - November 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

HC

“ *Heather Carter lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



**Heather Carter** - November 13, 2025 at 05:31 AM

TS

“ *Tammy Self lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



**Tammy Self** - November 11, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



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**Melba Mower** - November 11, 2025 at 06:56 PM

AK

“ *Ann Yoder Kimbrough lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells*



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**Ann Yoder Kimbrough** - November 11, 2025 at 04:47 PM

TF

“ *Truesdell Family and Hoskins Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.*



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**Truesdell Family and Hoskins Family** - November 11, 2025 at 04:36 PM

JF

“ *Joan Hawkins and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.*



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**Joan Hawkins and family** - November 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM

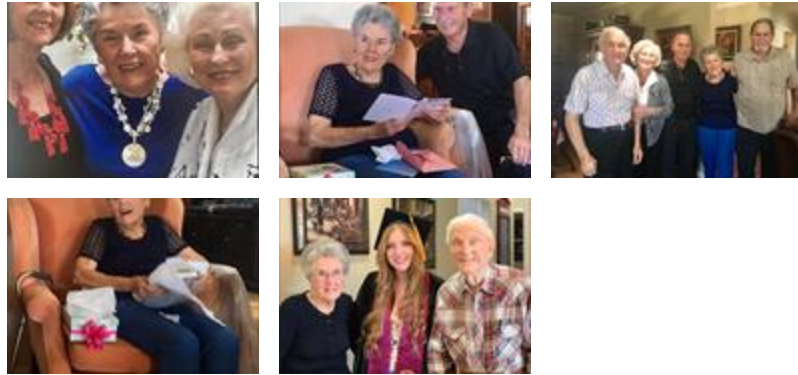
JF

“ Joan Hawkins and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.

Joan Hawkins and family - November 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM



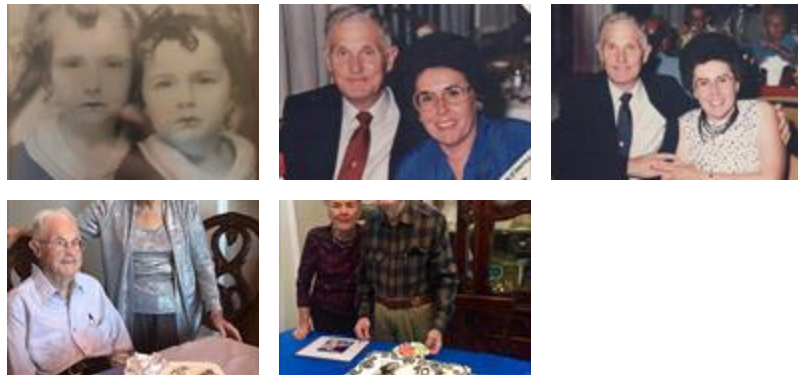
“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Jenny Wells - November 11, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Jenny Wells - November 11, 2025 at 02:28 PM

DB

“ Dad and Mom Berend purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.



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**Dad and Mom Berend** - November 11, 2025 at 10:42 AM

DB

“ Dad and Mom Berend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.

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**Dad and Mom Berend** - November 11, 2025 at 10:42 AM

BF

“ Betty(Starr)Kirkpatrick, & family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mary Sue (Copeland) Wells.



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**Betty(Starr)Kirkpatrick, & family** - November 10, 2025 at 05:36 PM