



Nell Copeland

May 19, 1936 - September 18, 2024

Nell Copeland passed away on September 18, 2024, in Brownwood, Texas at the age of 88, with family by her side.

Nell was born Sylvia Nell Porter on May 19, 1936, in Sweetwater, Texas to Olin Zee Porter and Grace Ellis Porter. She graduated from San Angelo Lakeview High school, then Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos with majors in Elementary Education and Speech Therapy, and from Rutgers University in New Jersey with a Masters in Educational Psychology.

Nell worked as a special education instructor and clinical supervisor for the Speech therapy department at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos. She taught kindergarten classes and special education classes, then became the Special Ed Director in several school districts.

When her kids were young, Nell spent much of her time carpooling them to swim practice, swim meets, and church activities. In her later years, she dedicated time to her passion for genealogy and has left an impressive library of information on her lineage and the lineage of her extended families. She also enjoyed volunteering her time to things such as ESL tutoring, Church of the Good Shepherd medical equipment outreach program, and delivering for meals on wheels. She was a dedicated servant to the Lord at St Mark's Episcopal Church in San Marcos, Church of the Good Shepherd in

Brownwood, and then Central United Methodist Church of Brownwood. Perhaps the highlight of her life was the extensive travel, she was able to do with her husband James, and she kept good records of these memories in scrapbooks.

She is survived by her husband, James (JC) Copeland of Brownwood, son David (Michele) Tokash, daughter Jennifer Tokash Soto, and bonus children Braxton (Barbara) Howle, Roseanne (Ed) Fiero, Lisa (Dean) Callihan, Cliff (Carolyn) Copeland, Stacy (Rick) Eledge, Debbie McConnell, Lea Ann Copeland, and Shawn Copeland. She has also left the legacy of her grandchildren and great grandchildren that she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, O.Z. and Grace Porter, her brother James Porter, sister-in-law Anne Porter, two spouses, Joseph Tokash, and Bill Howle, and a bonus daughter, Dana Howle Howard.

The visitation will be on September 23, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Davis Morris Funeral Home.

A Funeral Service will be held on September 24, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. , at the Lake Brownwood, Methodist Church, following the burial at Lost Creek Cemetery.

For anyone wishing to make a donation in her name in lieu of flowers, Nell was a supporter of the American Alzheimer's Association in memory of her father.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home Davis - Morris Chapel -online memorial at www.heritagefuneraltx.com

Cemetery Details

Lost Creek Cemetery

May, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 5:00 PM.

Davis Morris Funeral Home

Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM.

Lost Creek Cemetery
May, TX

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Sorry to her that Nell Passed i was hoping to get some porter family geneoly info from her sorry for you loss.

Larry Gene Porter - November 30, 2024 at 01:10 PM

LM

“ Sorry to hear of Nell's passing. I'm her first cousin once removed. My grandmother was her aunt Faye (Loyce Faye) and my father was her first cousin Thomas Jerry Griffis. I met Nell about 25-30 years ago when she remarried. She and her husband were on a road trip of route 66. They came to California to visit aunt Faye. She kept in touch updating the family tree with my children and grandchildren, which I truly appreciate. Loyce Mandella

Loyce Mandella - September 25, 2024 at 03:38 PM

DP

“ Nell was my father R.W.Porter's cousin and he felt highly of her. I also knew Nell and we shared a love of genealogy She was a wonderful person. All my love to the family. Dee porter

Dee porter - September 23, 2024 at 11:39 PM

JR

“ Nell Was One Of The Best Grandmothers Anyone Could Ever Ask For, A Trip To Granny Nell's Home As A Child Was A Guaranteed Blessing Of A Time To Have.

Jacob Richards - September 23, 2024 at 03:57 PM

FF

“ From, Debbie McConnell and families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Nell Copeland.



From, Debbie McConnell and families - September 23, 2024 at 02:02 PM

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“ From, Debbie McConnell and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nell Copeland.

From, Debbie McConnell and families - September 23, 2024 at 02:02 PM