



Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.

October 21, 1937 - September 28, 2022

Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr. was born on October 21, 1937, in Lyles, Tennessee, and passed away on September 28, 2022, in Marietta, Georgia. He was 84 years 11 months and 7 days old.

He is the son of the late Horace Melvin Copley Sr. and Mary Smith Copley.

He was also preceded in death by his son Timothy Kevin Copley, son-in-law James Patrick Chittom and siblings Maizelle Potts, Virginia Scroggins, and Faye Baker.

He is survived by his wife Norma Jean Warf Copley of Marietta, Georgia. Daughter Tammy Chittom of Lyles. Daughter-in-Law Beth Copley of Centerville. Grandchildren Brandon, Jason, Jerimy, Emma, Ella, and Bryson. Great Grandchildren Sarah, Sophie, Sharlotte, and Sullivan. Sisters Evelyn Witt of Brentwood and Charlene Breece of Centerville. Brothers Bobby Copley of Centerville and Jimmy Copley of Little Lot. His four-legged companion Dakota who he loved very much. As well as a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Copley retired from Bell South as a transportation analyst.

He was a member of the East Cobb Church of Christ in Marietta, Georgia for

over 30 years.

He and Mrs. Norma first met during grade school. He would save her a seat on the bus. She believes that is why she liked him so much. They have now been married for 65 years.

He loved to go deer hunting and fishing for trout. He also liked to go camping in the Georgia Mountains with Norma. He was a devoted fan of the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Falcons, and the Tennessee Volunteers. He also had a love for old red chevy trucks. In his younger days, he would coach Kevin's sports teams. This love of supporting his son carried over to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well, as he enjoyed going to see any of them play any sport.

More than all these things he was a family man. He was sweet and kind to his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was so proud of all of them. He loved when all the family would get together. Sonny was a man who would give you the shirt off of his back and talk to anyone because he truly never met a stranger. He will be missed deeply by all of his family and friends.

Bill McDonald is to officiate services.

A live stream of the service can be found on our Facebook page at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/McDonaldFH>

Cemetery Details

Little Lot Cemetery

Duck River, TN

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Norma, our lives were enriched so much by you and Sonny. Many fond memories worshipping together at East Cobb, sharing fellowship in our Small Group, and lifting prayers toward so many common spiritual as well as physical needs. In those endeavors Sonny always placed the needs of others above himself. I remember how he helped me when my health declined. He was a great emissary for Christendom. We pray that God will keep his loving arms around you and the family in the days ahead. We love you, Don and Sherryl Giles

Don and Sherryl Giles - October 05, 2022 at 09:37 AM

CB

“ Norma, so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. Thinking of you at this time. He was always so kind to me. I know you will miss him.

Carolyn Brewer - October 03, 2022 at 09:04 PM

DB

“ Donna Baker lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Copley



Donna Baker - October 03, 2022 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ We're thinking of u.

Ruby & Rex Horner - October 03, 2022 at 08:38 AM

RS

“ We are thinking of u.

Regina & Martha Shelton - October 03, 2022 at 08:36 AM

HW

“ Sonny was the sweetest man, and we are deeply saddest of learn of his death. Condolences and love to Norma and the family. Hilda and Tom Wilkins

Hilda Wilkins - October 03, 2022 at 01:07 AM

RM

“ Norma, I am sorry to see this on line. I had the pain you are having when Ray passed Oct10, 2019. I am still literally in grief. I will pray for you. I would like to see you but I hardly go that way any more. All of my family and Ray's are gone except some nieces and nephews. You take care of yourself.



reba mcfarlin - October 02, 2022 at 06:21 PM

SL

“ Sandra Layne lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.



Sandra Layne - October 02, 2022 at 05:48 PM

SN

“ I am so saddened by the news. I can remember Sonny telling me how he got up in the crepe myrtles on a ladder to cut them back. Norma my prayers are with you and I send my deepest sympathy.

Stacie Northington - October 02, 2022 at 05:02 PM

SC

“ Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.



Sheila Chance - October 01, 2022 at 10:27 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.



Ronald Gammons - October 01, 2022 at 08:43 AM

BB

We are so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing from this life into eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember him and Norma at the back door of East Cobb Church of Christ often, greeting members and visitors. Norma and family will remain in our prayers as we await that great reunion with our loved ones in the heavens one day. May our Lord comfort and give you peace. Bo and Joy Bolick

Bo and Joy Bolick - October 02, 2022 at 03:38 PM

MJ

“ *Melissa (Copley) Johnston lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Melissa (Copley) Johnston - October 01, 2022 at 04:35 AM

PH

“ *Paula Hay lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Paula Hay - September 30, 2022 at 11:35 PM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Roy & Sharon McCoy - September 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ *Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Janet Wright - September 30, 2022 at 06:41 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - September 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM

FW

“ *Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Felicia Wilbanks - September 30, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Betty Love - September 30, 2022 at 04:55 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Horace "Sonny" Melvin Copley Jr.*



Rhonda Taylor - September 30, 2022 at 04:42 PM