



## Bethel A. Coplea

October 5, 1924 - February 11, 2021

Bethel A. Coplea, age 96, of Gibson City, formerly of Kankakee, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Gibson Hospital Annex in Gibson City. She was born October 5, 1924 in Essex Township, the daughter of James & Hazel (Huber) King. Bethel married Wayne W. R. Coplea on February 27, 1943 in Mineral Wells, TX. He preceded her in death in 1958.

Bethel had worked at Bear Brand Hosiery and Roper Corporation in Kankakee. She was also a former employee of Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes. Bethel enjoyed sewing and traveling.

She was a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Goodrich and a former parishioner of St. Rose Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Wayne J. & Judy Coplea of Cary, NC, Marty & Lois Coplea of Tucson, AZ, and Don & Sandra Coplea of Phoenix, AZ; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Beth & Gerry Donley of Athens, AL and Lorrie & Glen Robinson of Birmingham, AL; ten grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and one sister, Gladys Peters of Clifton. In addition to her husband, Wayne Coplea, Bethel is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Richard King; four sisters, Regina King, Ione Cross, Dethada Usry, and Cecelia Anderson; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Burial will

follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Gibson Hospital Annex in Gibson City, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**APR 30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Aunt Bethel was an amazing woman. I found her grit and determination an inspiration. I loved it when she was together with my mother and the rest of her sisters. Their love and laughter could fill a room. Sending my prayers and love to her children and my cousins.

Dara Quayle Caricofe - February 15, 2021 at 07:34 PM

SJ

“ Beth & Gerry,  
My sincere sympathy to you and your family.

Sue Jensen



Sue Jensen - February 15, 2021 at 03:52 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear about Bethel's passing. What a beautiful, hard working, loving lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Kay Lavicka

Mary Kay Lavicka - February 15, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CO

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person and I am glad to have worked with her for many years.

Colleen Regnier

colleen - February 14, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Bethel's passing. she was like a second mother to me. Bethel was always a great inspiration to Marcia and me our whole married life. We loved her and will miss her.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with our cousins.*

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**lance d cross** - February 13, 2021 at 04:13 PM

JK

“ What sad news . Bethel was a special lady, great neighbor, always happy to see you. She will be missed.  
*Myron and Janice Wood King*

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**janice king** - February 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM

KM

*Your whole family is in our thoughts, such a sweet lady. She was always cheerful when we visited. So sorry for your loss.*

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**kurt j martin** - April 14, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JA

*Bethel was very special to me, Corey and Marty. She was such an inspiration to all, she will be greatly missed. The whole family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jill ACoplea** - April 28, 2021 at 06:46 PM