



Romona "Mona" Copp

February 1, 1933 - December 1, 2024

Romona Nadine Copp, "Mona", 91, died on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at the home of her daughter. She was born February 1, 1933, in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of Harold and Myrtle Orndoff. Mona married Charles "Pete" Copp, on January 24, 1949, in Topeka, Kansas. They were married for 70 years.

Mona and Pete moved from Topeka to Auburn, Kansas, in 1957, where they purchased an abandoned home built in 1860. They spent years fixing up the house and property. They soon became involved in the community. Romona worked with both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was active in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, teaching Sunday School, directing Bible School for many years, singing in the choir, and serving as Treasurer. She was a visitor with several women over the years through Catholic Charities. She worked on the board of the Topeka Tinman Triathlon for many years and participated in races from time to time.

Mona and Pete worked with a group of volunteers to transform the former Auburn High School into the Auburn Community Center. The volunteers worked tirelessly for years to improve the building and put it to use in the town. She served as treasurer on the ACC board. Mona had a vision for Auburn to have a library, and worked to open one in the Community Center, which is still serving the community.

In September of this year, Mona was honored for her many decades of service to the community by being named the Grand Marshal of the Auburn Fair Parade. It was a day she treasured.

Mona is survived by her children, Chuck and Paula Copp of Topeka, Laura and Mark Ludwick of Auburn, Dale and Sandy Copp of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Wayne and Julie Copp of Auburn, and daughter-in-law Loa and Paul Gordon. She has 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Warren Orndoff, of Florida; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Pete Copp, her son, David Copp, her great grandson, Micah Copp, and her siblings, Murle Cibulski, Marvin Orndoff, Chet Orndoff, and Anita Gaede.

Mona will have a visitation on Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Auburn Community Center. A funeral will be held on Friday, December 6, at 11:00 at the Auburn Community Center, 121 W 11th St., Auburn, KS 66402. Burial will follow at Auburn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Auburn Presbyterian Church or The Auburn Community Center, in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Auburn Cemetery

Auburn, KS 66402

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Auburn Community Center
121 W 11th Street
Auburn, KS 66402

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Auburn Community Center
121 W 11th Street
Auburn, KS 66402

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Romona "Mona" Copp



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 04, 2024 at 04:18 PM

BR

“ Becky and Greg Ross purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Romona "Mona" Copp.



Becky and Greg Ross - December 05, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CG

“ Chuck and Paula,
I did not know your mom but she sounds like a wonderful woman. I am sorry for your loss. Let the memories you have give you strength. Continued prayers for the days to come.
Ron and Connie Gardner-Nordyke

Connie Gardner-Nordyke - December 05, 2024 at 10:21 AM

LS

“ Your mom was such a vibrant, lovely person. She made everyone feel welcome in her presence. She was glowing when she served as Grand Marshal of the Auburn Fair parade. She will be missed by her community. What a wonderful example of the Christian life .

Liz Syverson - December 04, 2024 at 09:00 AM

PB

“ I remember her for her wit, her running and her love. We laughed at which of us got married younger. She beat me by a few months! Her and Pete were a wonderful couple and hard workers. I will miss seeing her but know she is in a better place and with Pete now!

Pattie Boone - December 04, 2024 at 05:53 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Romona "Mona" Copp.



December 03, 2024 at 11:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Romona "Mona" Copp.

December 03, 2024 at 11:51 PM

ZT

“ Zach, Katie, and Wyatt Thurber purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Romona "Mona" Copp.



Zach, Katie, and Wyatt Thurber - December 03, 2024 at 10:40 PM

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“ Zach, Katie, and Wyatt Thurber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Romona "Mona" Copp.

Zach, Katie, and Wyatt Thurber - December 03, 2024 at 10:40 PM

PF

“ Patti and Kevin Kent and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Romona "Mona" Copp.



Patti and Kevin Kent and family - December 03, 2024 at 03:26 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Susie Worley - December 03, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JW

“ I remember volunteering at the Auburn library with Pete and Ramona. No one worked harder than they did preserving the library and making it grow for the community. They spent weeks getting ready for the October book sale, she was always ordering new books to update the collection. They both had so many friends and I am proud I was one of them.

Sincerely

Judy Whisler

judy whisler - December 03, 2024 at 11:41 AM