



## Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala

January 13, 1938 - February 24, 2020

Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala, of St. Albans, passed away peacefully in the hospital after a short illness on Monday, February 24, 2020.

She graduated from Lenoir High School in Lenoir, North Carolina, and attended The Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte, North Carolina, from which she graduated in 1959, receiving a three year RN degree. She met the love of her life, George Harrill Coppala, while working at The Presbyterian Hospital and caring for Harrill's terminally ill father.

Carolyn was a wife, homemaker and mother while her children were growing up and later worked as a nurse in private practice, ultimately retiring from Dunbar Medical Associates in Dunbar, West Virginia. She loved to cook and was an excellent cook, and also loved to sew, even doing so into her 80's. When she was younger she enjoyed playing basketball and was the captain of her high school basketball team, played tennis, and had many hobbies, including various crafts. She also loved to read and visit the library, and cherished time spent with her friends from church. She was a member of the Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans.

Carolyn was selfless in her love and commitment to her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ned and Margaret Hendrix, her

husband, George Harrill Coppala, as well as many family members and friends.

To cherish her memory, Carolyn leaves behind her children, son, Mark Coppala and his wife, Tammy, and daughter, Lynne Coppala; her sister, Betty Messick, and family; special cousin, Bob Brown, as well as other beloved members of extended family. Her grandchildren, Meg Coppala, Gus Coppala and Zoe Robinson, and her great-grandchildren, Alzae and Ariyan Robbins, were the lights of her life and brought her so much joy.

The family extends special thanks to Chantel Garrett, Carolyn's caregiver and friend.

Carolyn had a beautiful, generous heart and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., at Highlawn Presbyterian Church, 2501 Washington Ave., St. Albans, with Pastor Nancy Didway officiating. Burial will follow at Cunningham Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at 11:00 a.m. immediately preceding the funeral service at the church.

Donations may be made in Carolyn's memory to: Davis-Stuart, Inc., The Library Foundation of Kanawha County, Inc. dedicated to the St. Albans Branch, or the Gabriel Project of West Virginia.

You may visit Carolyn's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave.,  
St. Albans has been entrusted to handle the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Highlawn Presbyterian Church  
2501 Washington Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

## Memorial Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Highlawn Presbyterian Church  
2501 Washington Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall

PK

“ Lynn, and Mark, I am so sorry for your loss. I've known your Mom for a long time, and was so happy to see her when I joined Dunbar Medical. She helped a greenhorn doctor, who really didn't know as much as he thought he did. She definitely was a mentor for me. I was so honored when she decided to have me help with her medical care, it was definitely a privilege, and an honor to help in any way I could. I would do anything to see that smile on her face again at every visit, and ask me how have I been, despite all of the maladies she has suffered through. Such a great lady. I could never called her Carolyn. She was and always will be Mrs. Coppala to me. I will mourn her passing. I am so sorry. Paul.

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**paul kuryla** - March 04, 2020 at 11:37 PM

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“ Carol Hawley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala.



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**Carol Hawley** - March 04, 2020 at 12:56 PM

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“ On behalf of the Gabriel Project of West Virginia, we send our deepest sympathy to Carolyn's family and friends. Carolyn was a truly dedicated, compassionate volunteer, one of the founders of our Highlawn site. She lived the Biblical teachings of "doing unto others" and helping those less fortunate. Carolyn was always ready to lend a helping hand and a warm heart. We will deeply miss her.



We pray that her family and friends will be comforted to know that she is at peace and that God is welcoming her to her eternal home, saying well done, thy good and faithful servant.

Thank you, Carolyn, for being a part of the Gabriel Project.

Donna Hawkins  
Executive Director

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Donna Hawkins - March 04, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ Mark,

Prayers for you and your family. May your wonderful memories help comfort you during this time.

Tim and Lynn

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LYNN SMITH - March 04, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala.*



March 03, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala.*



March 03, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Carole "Carolyn" Coppala.*



March 03, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Our good neighbor for several years!! So sorry for your loss! 🙏*

**Kenny Blake** - March 02, 2020 at 11:28 PM