



John W. Cope

August 31, 1919 - April 14, 2019

John William Cope, 99, of Ironton, formerly of Cape Girardeau, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2019 at The Baptist Home in Ironton.

He was born August 31, 1919 in Canalou, Missouri to the late John Washington and Mildred (Engram) Cope.

John and Madrene Robinson were married June 15, 1940. She preceded him in death June 10, 2008.

John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS LSM-324 in New Caledonia, Philippines and Japan. He was a member and deacon of the Red Star Baptist Church, worked in sales for Bird and Son Roofing for many years and was a farmer.

He enjoyed playing golf and even got a hole in one. He also loved to fish with his late wife Madrene.

Survivors include daughters, Elaine (Howard) Webb of Rendon, Texas and Judith Bess (the late, Alvin Bess) of Cape Girardeau; brother, Clyde (Jean) Cope of Bridgeton, Missouri; sister, Patricia (Richard) Hawkins of Blue Springs, Missouri; grandson, Bryan (Lee) Brown; great grandchildren, Douglas and Connor Brown, Allison, Emma and Lorna Brown; many nieces

and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Madrene Robinson; brothers, Alfred Cope and Iley "Shorty" Cope and James K. Cope; son-in-law, Alvin Bess.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the love and care that John and his late wife both received at The Baptist Home; specifically, Sherry Snider, Connie Francis, Patty Risher and James Cowins who showed John much love and care in the final days.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Gerald Collier officiating.

Burial will follow at Unity Baptist Church Cemetery with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to The Baptist Home, 101 Riggs Scott Lane, Ironton, MO 63650.

Cemetery Details

Unity Baptist Church Cemetery

4846 State Hwy 77
Benton, MO 63736

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall



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