



## Margaret Hazel Howell Copeland "Nanny"

November 11, 1927 - December 11, 2011

Margaret Hazel Howell Copeland After 84 life-fulfilling years here on earth, Hazel Copeland, of Oakhurst, Texas, went home to meet Jesus on December 6, 2011. Hazel was born on November 11, 1927, in Mexia, Texas to Walter and Margaret Howell. She was the oldest of 4 daughters. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Will A. Copeland, Sr., her parents, and two sisters. She is survived by her daughter Margie Gresham and husband Bobby, daughter Janie Klimple and husband Bobby, son Will Copeland, Jr. and wife Jo Ann, grandchildren Tammy and Pat O'Brien, Teri and Jeff Hartlage, Tina and David Clark, Doyle and Kari Miller, Debra Miller, Trey and Amanda Copeland, Tracie and Bubba Hoot, and Tana Sublett, as well as, 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Hazel and Will Senior moved from Houston to retire in Oakhurst where they lived out their remaining years farming and raising cattle. Hazel was a strong, independent woman who did not shy away from hard work. After losing her husband to cancer in 1998, Hazel went back to school in 2001 to complete her General Education Development which made her the proud owner of her GED at the age of 73. She then went on to work as a substitute teacher while continuing to work the farm. She also devoted several years volunteering at the Senior Citizen Community in Pointblank and was a faithful member of the Center Hill Baptist Church of Oakhurst. Visitation will be held on Saturday Dec. 10, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. The funeral service will be held at Center Hill Baptist Church in

Oakhurst, Texas, on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Immediately following the service the burial will be held at Center Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Baptist Home for Children in memory of Hazel Copeland "Nanny". Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Hazel Howell Copeland "Nanny"*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Family of Mrs. Hazel:  
Mrs. Copeland was very Loved lady by the both of of us. No matter  
what she always come make me smile and have a better day. God  
Bless the family. Our prayers with you all.*

**Cecil & Elizabeth Campbell** - December 10, 2011 at 11:26 PM



“ *Dear Margie & Teri & Family, Alan and I send our love and prayers  
for you all. Very sorry about your loss of your mother and  
grandmother, Nanny. Love, Alan & Kathy*

**Kathy & Alan Otte** - December 10, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ *Bobby and family, your family is in my prayers. Sorry for your loss.*

**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - December 09, 2011 at 09:50 PM



“ *Will and family. Your mother was a very special lady. I pray for God  
to keep his loving arms around you and comfort you during the next  
several days and the ones to come.*

**Barbara Shelly** - December 09, 2011 at 11:00 AM

CJ

“ Will, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was a lovely, lovely lady and I know she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Carol Joy

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**Carol Joy** - December 09, 2011 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ Margie & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I did not know her but she sounded like a wonderful person! Please know that you & your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Also, we miss you at TDCJ but hope that you are enjoying your retirement!  
Jamie Brinegar

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**Jamie Brinegar** - December 09, 2011 at 10:41 AM