



## Paul Copeland

June 6, 1915 - May 21, 2010

Paul Copeland of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma was born to John F. and Rhoda (Hackler) Copeland on June 6, 1915 on a farm east of Alex, Oklahoma and passed from this life on May 21, 2010 at his home in Pauls Valley with his grandson and son by his side.

Mr. Copeland grew up on the farm east of Alex, Oklahoma and graduated high school at Dibble, Oklahoma in 1933. He attended college at Oklahoma A & M in Stillwater and obtained a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture, graduating in 1939 and was also commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the ROTC program. While attending Oklahoma A & M, Paul met Francis F. Taylor of Perry, Oklahoma and they married at Fort Worth, Texas on August 9, 1940 and were married for sixty-seven years.

Paul began his work with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on November 27, 1939 but was called to serve his country in the U. S. Army during World War II. He left on a ship from the Port of New Orleans and was overseas for forty-two months. He was with infantry forces in the Southwest Pacific Theatre and saw action in the New Guinea Campaign and surrounding islands. After the war had ended, Paul entered the U. S. Army Reserves and retired as a Lt. Colonel in the 4003rd U. S. Army Reserve.

After returning to his job with the Department of Agriculture he served as a conservationist at Wyoming, Mt. View, Waurika and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Paul and his family came to Pauls Valley from Waurika where he had been SCS Work Unit Conservationist since 1951. At Pauls Valley, he was the

district conservationist and worked with watershed programs in directing technical assistance to the Garvin Conservation District and Watershed Association on watershed surveys and construction work. He retired in December of 1975 after thirty-five years of service and went to work at his farm raising cattle east of Alex. Mr. Copeland always believed in the conservation of the land and water resources and always had the utmost respect for the land owners.

Mr. Copeland was an active Rotarian for a number of years in Pauls Valley. He always enjoyed raising a garden and loved taking his grandson hunting and fishing. Paul always had time for his family.

Mr. Copeland is survived by:

His son: Glen Copeland and his wife Sharon of Blanchard, Oklahoma

Grandson: Paul A. Copeland of Durant, Oklahoma

2 step-grandchildren: Matt and Bill Larsen

A host of nieces and nephews

Mr. Copeland was preceded in death by:

His wife: Francis F. Copeland

His parents: John and Rhoda Copeland

4 brothers: Fred Copeland, Melville Copeland, Bruce Copeland and J. F. Copeland

5 sisters: Beulah Harmon, Stella Johnson, Mellie Mitchell, Clara Harrell, and Grace Simonds

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22.** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Visitation

MAY **23.** 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

MAY **24.** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

MAY **24.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Copeland*



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**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul Copeland*

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November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Dear Glen,  
I am so very sorry to hear about you dad. I have many fond memories of both your mom and dad. While he was a student at OK A & M/State he would visit our family during summer break. I always looked forward to those visits.*

*Our prayers are with you. Keep in touch.*

*Evelyn & Ed Thoes###imported-begin##Evelyn Thoes###imported-end##*

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July 18, 2010 at 01:26 PM



“ Paul was one of my first supervisors when I began working for SCS. I was a soil conservationist at the SCS office in Pauls Valley for 6 months in 1968 and for another 6 months after returning from military duty in 1970. I always appreciated his kindness. I was a young kid, just married and needed a lot of mentoring and Paul was always there for me. I appreciated his work ethic and tried to pattern my own after him. He was a dedicated man to the job and the business of taking care of the land and natural resources. He love the watershed work and told me that that was his main job and I was to take care of a lot of the other stuff, which gave me training in responsibility and in many areas of the job. I respected him very much as a man and as a professional conservationist. I pray God gives you comfort in your loss. Dwain Phillips, Stillwater, OK###imported-begin##Dwain Phillips###imported-end##

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May 28, 2010 at 08:07 AM



“ Glen, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was such a good man and a good friend of my Dad's. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sharon###imported-begin##Sharon (Cook) Brown###imported-end##

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May 24, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ Glen,

*We are not able to attend the service on Monday.*

*Dad will phone you Monday or Tuesday. I know you have given much to care for your dad and mom. All parents should have such dedicated, caring children. Cherish the stories your father told you of his heroic military service. He was a caretaker of the nation and a caretaker of the earth. Our prayers are for you, Paul Allen, and the extended family.*

*Love, Mary##imported-begin##Mary S. Miller##imported-end##*

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May 23, 2010 at 11:01 PM