



## Esther W. (Rands) Cope

April 19, 1940 - October 25, 2019

Esther W. (Rands) Cope, 79, of Galloway, Ohio, passed from this life after a season of illness on Friday, October 25, 2019. Esther was born on April 19, 1940 in Port Huron, Michigan to Woodrow and Phyllis (Warner) Rands. She is a graduate of Port Huron High School. Loving and devoted wife of Kenneth Lawrence Cope for 60 years. Working from her youth at a number of jobs, including making puppets for the gift shop of the Lucy's Toy Shop show, and selling Tri-Chem Paints where she won a trip to Barbados that she enjoyed with Ken. However, Esther spent most of her life loving and caring for many, many children in her home day care business. She loved her own children and remained interested in all they did. She loved to make things for others, including crafts of various kinds, food and desserts. Esther has been a faithful and involved church member, most recently of Higher Impact Church of God in Columbus, Ohio, where she taught children's Sunday School, sang in the choir and served the Lord and the church in numerous ways. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Cope of the home; children: Larry Cope of Columbus, Ohio, Kenny (Lori) Cope of Grove City, Ohio, Rev. Robert (Debbie) Cope of Hilliard, Ohio, April (John) McCain of Rydal, Georgia and Gene Cope of Galloway, Ohio; Grandchildren: Maryann, Beverly, Samantha, Woodrow, Amanda, Savannah, Lauren, Whitney, Matthew, Derek, Tawny, Eli and Kindra; nine great-grandchildren; Sisters: Jean Wirtz of Largo, Florida, Helen (James) Burkett of Clearwater, Florida, Mary (Donald) Powell of Port Huron, Michigan; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. Esther was preceded in death by

her parents, brother-in-law, Adam Wirtz, one great-grandchild, and many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and in-laws. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Esther's memory to: Higher Impact Church of God (P.O. Box 1504, Hilliard, OH 43026) or The American Cancer Society. A Memorial Service to celebrate Esther's life will be held on Thursday, October 31, at 11:00 am at Columbus West Church of God, 147 Gladys Road, Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Robert W. Cope, officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 am on Thursday at the church. Arrangements by Rutherford-Shroyer Funeral Home, 1278 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Columbus West Church of God  
147 Gladys Road  
Columbus, OH

## Memorial Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther W. (Rands) Cope*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *When you seen Esther you couldn't help but love her. She babysat 2 of my children and a few of my grandchildren. She had such a love for children. Pam and Jim gave great memories with her. I still have the blankets she helped Pam and Jim make me and there dad for Christmas one year.*

*I know she will be truly missed by everyone.*

*Dee Mullen*

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**dee mullen** - November 03, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *Norb and I have enjoyed many nice times with Esther and Ken. We spent many times at Whitney and Lauren's band events (concerts and sports). Esther was always so good with our two granddaughters and enjoyed spending time with them. She had a real heart for children and had parents in her daycare that she also had as children. Even though she spent many years in Ohio, she still cared about her home state of Michigan. RIP Esther. You will be missed.*

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**Gail Bennetts** - October 29, 2019 at 05:55 PM