



## Richard P. Copeman

December 18, 1947 - February 20, 2026

Richard P. Copeman, 78, of Irwin, died Friday, February 20, 2026, at home. He was born December 18, 1947 in Wilkinsburg, a son of the late Charles and Mary (Pierce) Copeman. Rich was retired from General Motors, Fisher Body Plant, West Mifflin. He loved cars, and enjoyed building and fixing them. He was into hotrods and antiques but his big love was for dirt track racing. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was a member of the Norwin Elks. In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife of 30 years Leah A. (Simons) Copeman; his children Clayton Copeman (Jeny York) of Greensburg and Wendy Whittle (Dax) of Nevada; his step children Christopher Highberger (Leslie) and Kara Wheaton (Thomas) both of Irwin; his grandchildren Carly Highberger, Nick Doubleday, Gage Wheaton, Lucas Copeman, Gunner Wheaton, Ethan Whittle, Zarah Whittle, Aubrey Copeman, Daxton Whittle, Grady Wheaton, and Cash Copeman; also nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brothers Robert and Ronald Copeman. Friends will be received from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin where a funeral service will follow at 5:30 p.m. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 5:30 PM - 5:50 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I enjoyed getting to race with Rich many years ago at MCS. Always a gentleman both on the track as well as off the track. He had so much impact on me that I wrote a story on him and Ron Smith as they were two of the nicest guys I ever competed with and had the pleasure of knowing. My condolences to you all on your loss and my prayers for your comfort at this difficult time. God bless  
Bob Colgan #94

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**Bob Colgan** - February 24 at 12:07 AM

CC

“ Chris , Leslie and Carly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard P. Copeman.

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**Chris , Leslie and Carly** - February 23 at 08:02 PM

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“ Chris , Leslie and Carly purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard P. Copeman.



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**Chris , Leslie and Carly** - February 23 at 08:02 PM

ME

“ *Marlene, Guillermo, Will, Maggie & Emma purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard P. Copeman.*



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**Marlene, Guillermo, Will, Maggie & Emma** - February 23 at 07:32 PM

PF

“ *Patricia and Clyde Simmers and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard P. Copeman.*

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**Patricia and Clyde Simmers and Family** - February 23 at 06:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard P. Copeman.*



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February 23 at 11:13 AM

MS

“ *We are so sorry to hear this. We will remember all of the good times at the race track and also the year we spent time in Florida together. Prayers for you and all of the family Leah.*

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**Mark and Lisa Stair** - February 22 at 05:37 PM

BM

“ *Bernie, Stacey, and Madi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard P. Copeman.*



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**Bernie, Stacey, and Madi** - February 21 at 06:55 PM

BC

“ *Deepest Sympathies to Leah and all their families.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Barbara Crissman** - February 21 at 04:21 PM