



Dorothy Elaine Summey Cope

May 26, 1953 - February 14, 2026

Dorothy Elaine Cope, age 72, of Ringgold, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

Dorothy was born in LaFayette to the late Charles James Summey and Dorothy Dean Summey. A lifelong resident of the North Georgia area, she was a devoted member of the Church of God faith and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

Dorothy exemplified grace, strength, and unwavering faith throughout her life. As a pastor's wife, she served alongside her beloved husband with humility and dedication, setting a godly example for her family and community. She was a loving and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend whose kindness and steadfast spirit touched all who knew her. Her legacy of faith and love will continue to live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Russell Leon Cope; her great-grandson, Sebastian Jax Williams; her sister, Linda Charles McKissick; and her brothers, Jimmy Lee Summey, Larry Thomas Summey, and James Talley Summey.

Left to cherish her precious memory are her loving husband of 31 years, Rev. Roy Lee Cope; her children, Kenneth Cordell Jr., Carl Daniel (Lindsey) Cordell, Roy Lee (Angela) Cope Jr., Lesley Jane (Joe) Thomason, and Danita Michell (Robbie) Kennedy; her siblings, Ted (Ann) Summey, Tim Summey, and Faye Combs; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces

and nephews.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Lamar Walker and Pastor Johnny Feagans officiating. Entombment will follow at Calvary Gardens Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday.

Arrangements are entrusted to W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home – Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel.

“Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” – Proverbs 31:28

Cemetery Details

Calvary Gardens Cemetery & Mausoleum

2200 South Cedar Lane
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
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Funeral Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are very sorry to hear of Sister Elaine's passing. We spent many good years in church together at Wallaceville Church of God under Pastor Terrell Stephens. She and Brother Cope were genuine, and a very sweet couple. Our love & prayers go out to her family at this time. Allen and Missy Hixson ❤️🙏



Missy Hixson - February 16 at 06:05 PM

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“ Pastor Cousins and Faith Works Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Elaine Summey Cope.



Pastor Cousins and Faith Works Family - February 16 at 04:00 PM

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“ Robert and linda hale purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Elaine Summey Cope.



Robert and linda hale - February 15 at 04:05 PM

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“ Robert and linda hale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Elaine Summey Cope.

Robert and linda hale - February 15 at 04:05 PM