



## Howard Audean Coppedge

March 30, 1940 - February 3, 2021

Howard Audean Coppedge passed away from this earth, Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family after a brief illness at the age of 80.

Audean was born March 30, 1940 in the Sandhill Community. Audean worked for Gilmer Lumber Company for 25 years. He went to work for Dean Lumber Company and worked for the Deans as a supervisor for 18 years, he then went back to Gilmer Lumber Company for 13 years until his retirement. He truly loved working for the lumber company, he loved all of his customers and vendors. After retirement he could be found on his golf cart visiting the neighbors. Audean was always active with good stories that he loved to share. He loved going to the races with his son, Richard, telling everyone how they did it in the old days. He could figure lumber on a scratch piece of paper and would be 100% accurate. You could find him tinkering in the shop or setting around with his best friends, John Perryman and Junior Shelton. Audean's favorite saying (it was said often) "I started all of this" talking about his family. Audean was loved by so many and will truly be missed.

Audean is survived by his wife, Sandy Coppedge of 44 years; sister, Glenda Sustaire and Angie Valentin (Paco); sons, Richard Coppedge (Patti), Bill Coppedge (Shara), Andy Coppedge (Christi) and Bubba Harty (Melissa). Granddaughters, Tonya Coppedge, Jordan Coppedge, Sydney Harty, Jaydan Coppedge, Morgan Collier, Miranda Collier; grandsons, Dallas Coppedge, Tony Coppedge (Amy), Ricky Coppedge, Jeremy Patterson and Zach

Coppedge; 7 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild; cousins, Pat and Gary Moore, Polly Hankins; numerous nieces and nephews; best friends and neighbors, John and Kathy Perryman.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Dellia Whitworth (Granny); his parents, H. R. and Mildred Coppedge; sons, James Coppedge and Paul Harty; granddaughter, Dallas Amber Coppedge; brother in law, Gerald Sustaire; and cousin, Kenny Pilcher.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Regional Hospital and Staci Griffith with Heart to Heart Hospice. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

The family will receive friends 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Thursday, February 4, 2021 at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Please visit Audean's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Audean Coppedge*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - February 04, 2021 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ *I always was glad when Audean help my at Gilmer Lumber. He took great care of me when I built my house. A good friend to many people.*

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**Jimmy Bedard** - February 05, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ *To Sandy and family, it is sad to hear about Audean. He was loved by many, as I have learned, and had a good life.  
Praying you will have comfort,  
Judy Coppedge Markham, Ore City*

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**Judy Markham** - February 05, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JM

*Forgive my misspell, I truly meant to say Audean. Love to all, Judy Coppedge Markham*

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**Judy Markham** - February 05, 2021 at 06:47 PM

DS

“ Sandy and family,we were so sorry to hear of your loss.Prayers for all of you. David and Ann Shaw.

David and Ann Shaw - February 04, 2021 at 05:50 PM

GJ

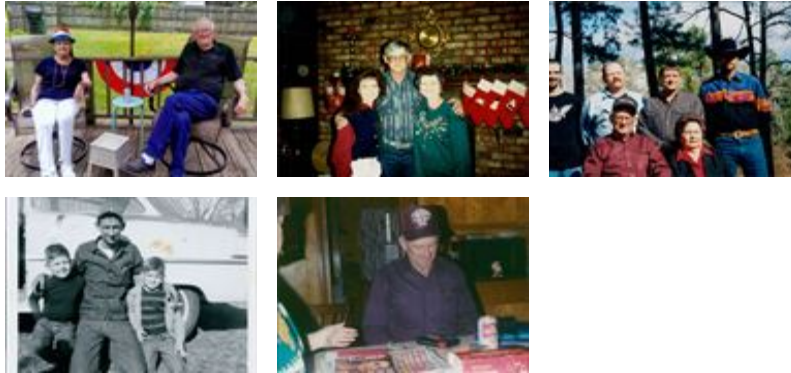
“ Gary Cowley Jr purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Howard Audean Coppedge.



Gary Cowley Jr - February 04, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ 131 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 04, 2021 at 02:32 PM

CC

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Clifford and Glenda Culberson

Clifford Culberson - February 04, 2021 at 01:47 PM

TR

“ Farewell old friend my thoughts and prayers are for the family

Thomas Ray - February 04, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LB

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all Audean's family and friends. May God give you peace and comfort for the lonely days ahead.



Linda Shaw Bond - February 04, 2021 at 11:14 AM

PG

Sandy and family, praying for each of you during your loss. Know your all kind of numb right now. Reach out to God for comfort.

Peggy Giles - February 04, 2021 at 02:35 PM

AD

“ Prayers for the families of Audean, may God grant you all Peace 🙏🙏🙏

Ann Davidson - February 04, 2021 at 09:53 AM

PP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time of loss. Lean on the Everlasting Arms to get through this time.  
Terry & Pamela Pyeatt

Pamela Pyeatt - February 04, 2021 at 09:29 AM

LR

“ We are so sorry to learn of Audean's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers

Iiz Richardson - February 04, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Howard Audean Coppedge.*



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February 04, 2021 at 02:57 AM



“ *I am so very sad to see the passing of Audean. I have been blessed to have known Audean all of my life. I grew up knowing him at my families business, Gilmer Lumber. He always had a smile for me when I walked into the lumber yard. My entire family felt a sincere closeness to Audean for his dedication to Gilmer Lumber Company and its customers.*

*I send my love to Sandy who always had a smile and love for my parents Don and Mattie Ruth Williams.*

*Love*

*Nancy Williams Sawyer*

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**nancy williams sawyer** - February 03, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Howard Audean Coppedge.*



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February 03, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Howard Audean Coppedge.*



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February 03, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *I always liked for Audean to wait on me at Gilmer Lumber. He was very knowledgeable and listened carefully. My daddy built house for years out of Gilmer Lbr, and he thought Audean "hung the moon." My prayers are with his entire family.*

*Charles Johnson*

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**Charles Johnson** - February 03, 2021 at 05:43 PM