

Robert Gordon Copley

February 27, 1949 - October 5, 2025

Robert Gordon Copley, 76, of Richmond, Texas, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2025, surrounded by his caring family. Born in Houston, Texas, on February 27, 1949, Robert dedicated his life to education, athletics, and mentoring young people. A proud graduate of Lamar University, where he earned his master's degree in education, Robert spent 46 years coaching and teaching — touching countless lives through his passion, leadership, and heart for students.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Robert combined his love for the game with his profession. He served as a clock operator for both the Houston Rockets and the Houston Astros. He was an active and respected member of several coaching associations, including the Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Association, the Texas High School Coaches Association, and the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. His lifetime of commitment to student-athletes and to the sport he loved was honored through his induction into the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013 and Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Hall of Honor in 2023 .

Robert will be remembered for his dedication, integrity, and his ability to inspire others — both on and off the field. His passion for coaching extended far beyond the game itself; he helped shape the character and futures of those he taught, leaving a legacy that will endure for generations.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Laverne (Whitehead) Copley; children Carre Sorrell (Tim), Crystal Posadas (Daniel), and Justin Copley (Cybia); siblings Glen Copley (Wanda), Gary Rice (Ellen), Nina Lea Copley, and Garvey Rice (Patricia); and grandchildren Tyler Heim, Daniel Posadas (fiancée Isabelle Remboldt), Briseida Posadas, and Aislynn Copley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise and Garvey Rice; grandparents, Nina Lea, Eugene Copley, Virgie Mae, and Dewey Martin; and brother, Grady Rice.

Robert's legacy lives on in the countless students, athletes, colleagues, friends, and loved ones who were fortunate to know him. His love of sports, teaching, and family will forever be remembered and cherished.

Visitation will be held on October 17, 2025, at 5 to 8 pm. in the chapel of Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home. A service will follow on Saturday October 18, 2025 at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Missouri City. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Expressions of remembrance and condolences are welcome and may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Missouri City
3900 Lexington Blvd.
Missouri City, TX 77459

Burial

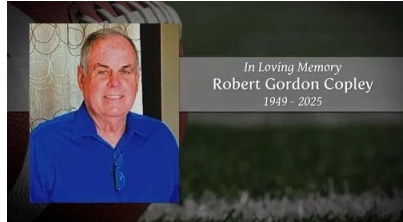
OCT 18 (CT)

Greenlawn Memorial Park
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Gordon Copley*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - October 16, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DH

“ *Class of 2012 I played varsity baseball @ Alief elsik coach was a great person he was a mentor for me kept me out of trouble he believed in my talent always pushed me to be better he definitely will be missed love you coach*

Darian hudson - December 14, 2025 at 05:21 PM

SW

“ *Coach was such a huge influence in my life from the time I was 14 years old. The lessons he taught me on a baseball field did not span that much time, but were enormously impactful. What I learned about the game and life in 4 years from him have shaped who I am today. Then, to have a close relationship with him for the next 30 years has been an honor. Coach coming to watch my kids play baseball, always checking in on me and my family, he was much more than a coach. He was a mentor, friend and someone that im honored to have had in my life. To his family, please know how much we all loved coach. He will be missed, and to coach, thank you for being such a big part of my life. I love you coach! Your player forever #10*

Steve watson - October 18, 2025 at 04:12 PM

PF

“ Rest in peace Coach. Prayers for the family.
Phil Flores, Class of 1987, Baseball.

Phil Flores - October 16, 2025 at 10:32 PM

NB

“ Neal and Monica Britt purchased the Sentiments
of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Gordon
Copley.



Neal and Monica Britt - October 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

NB

“ Neal and Monica Britt purchased the Beautiful in
Blue for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



Neal and Monica Britt - October 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 16, 2025 at 07:51 AM

BI

“ Barbara and Roberto Iglesias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.

Barbara and Roberto Iglesias - October 16, 2025 at 07:51 AM

TF

“ The Krhovjak Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



The Krhovjak Family - October 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

RS

“ Coach Copley was such an inspiration to me especially how he always treated even young coaches new to the profession. He was such a great man in or out of sports. I personally will miss him so much.

Rex Sanders - October 14, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 14, 2025 at 04:10 PM

YE

“ Your friends at Rio Energy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.

Your friends at Rio Energy - October 14, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM

BI

“ Billy & Shelley Iglesias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.

Billy & Shelley Iglesias - October 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 14, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Kim and Greg Ruysenaars* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.

Kim and Greg Ruysenaars - October 13, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Gordon Copley.



October 13, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SR

“ *Sally R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.*

Sally R. - October 12, 2025 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ *I was sad to hear of the passing of Coach Copley. I graduated in 1983 and he was one of my favorite teachers of all time. He was my Drivers Ed teacher and also taught me my driving sessions. He was just a nice and pleasant man. I hope his family truly knows and feels the love so many students had for him. Rest in peace Coach Copley. You were such a great influence on so many.*

Shonda Hiers - October 11, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and the family at this time. So many memories of coach I wouldn't know where to start. Whenever I do think of him, I catch myself smiling, and will continue to do that, I believe. Love to all,
Hockey Puck*

Steve Mathiason - October 10, 2025 at 12:35 PM

FO

“ *Linda and family,
I am so sorry for your loss of Robert, but you will see him again. I knew Coach Copley from all our years working for the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. He was a very respected and passionate man. RIP Coach Copley!*

Fred Oliver - October 09, 2025 at 06:44 PM

LB

“ *Lori B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gordon Copley.*

Lori B. - October 09, 2025 at 12:51 PM