



Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.

November 21, 1950 - January 7, 2019

Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland, Jr., 68, passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019, at Palmetto Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Mr. Copeland was born on November 21, 1950. He was the son of the late Ray Copeland and Gertrude Coates Copeland. Following his graduation from Bishopville High School, he graduated from the University of South Carolina. He served in the United States Navy for four years.

Mr. Copeland served Bishopville and Lee County in several capacities. For many years he was the Lee County Fire Marshall, Fire Chief, and later served as the Lee County Building and Codes Inspector. Before retiring in 2011, he served two years in the Bishopville Magistrate's Office.

He was a member of the Bishopville Masonic Lodge #104. He was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, serving in various capacities before his illness.

Mr. Copeland's passion was classic cars, attending and entering in many car shows. He enjoyed golf, fishing, and spending time with multiple friends, always bringing laughter and entertainment to everyone. He never met a stranger and will be remembered for his friendly demeanor and genuine personality. He was an avid USC Gamecock fan and enjoyed attending

games.

Mr. Copeland is survived by his wife, Lolly Mikell Copeland of Bishopville, SC; brother, Jimmy (Jean) Barrow of Dallas, TX; sisters, Rose Marie (Larry) Cooke of Greenville, SC, Anne Pittard of Mount Pleasant, SC; stepson, Chip (Susan) Mikell of Estill, SC; stepdaughter, Kimberly (Michael) Mathis of Estill, SC; grandchildren, Ellee, Olivia, and Holly Mikell, Zack Mathis, Mikell Tucker, and Maura Mathis, all of Estill, SC. He had numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 115 West Church Street, Bishopville, SC. The Rev. Suzanne Walker will officiate with burial to follow in Piedmont Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family at the visitation in the church Fellowship Hall, celebrating his life, following the burial. Hancock-Elmore Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

Memorials may be made to the Lee County Fire Department, 119 Deschamps St., Bishopville, SC 29010, or the Lee County Veterans Museum, 121 West Cedar Lane, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Cemetery

720 Sumter Highway
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
115 W. Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Reception

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church
115 W. Church Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Eddie Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Eddie Hill - January 08, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ *MISTY CAUGHMAN SIMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



MISTY CAUGHMAN SIMS - January 08, 2019 at 11:03 AM

JM

“ *Jill Mcelveen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Jill Mcelveen - January 08, 2019 at 10:10 AM

HT

“ *Will miss you my friend.*

hugh tindal - January 08, 2019 at 09:42 AM

HT

“ *Hugh Tindal lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



hugh tindal - January 08, 2019 at 09:40 AM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Clara McElveen - January 07, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CM

Sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. May God give each of you comfort, strength and peace in the days ahead.

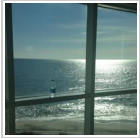
Clara McElveen - January 07, 2019 at 09:15 PM

LG

“ *Larry Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Larry Grantham - January 07, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *Bill Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Bill Stokes - January 07, 2019 at 05:55 PM

RC

“ *Rebecca Ann Crichton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Rebecca Ann Crichton - January 07, 2019 at 02:09 PM

RC

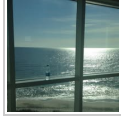
Love you, Bubba. You gave us all many laughs and good times!!! We will always miss your laugh and stories!! RIP

Rebecca Ann Crichton - January 07, 2019 at 02:48 PM

BF

We. Will miss you . We will never forget all the time we had with you. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Love you

Billie jo Flowers - January 07, 2019 at 05:21 PM



RIP "Bear" Thanks for the good times old friend!!

Bill Stokes - January 07, 2019 at 05:55 PM

MB

“ *Matt Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Ray "Bubba" Copeland Jr.*



Matt Bramlett - January 07, 2019 at 01:02 PM