



Deacon William Copeland

December 6, 1938 - October 8, 2015

COPELAND, Deacon William - Age 76, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2015 at MediLodge of Montrose - Montrose, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Ebenezer Ministries, 2130 Center Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop Urundi Knox, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Copeland will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 pm. Friday, with the family present from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

On the morning of Oct 8, 2015, William Copeland went to be with the Lord. He was born in Flint Michigan on December 6, 1938 to David & Katherine Copeland. Although William was raised in a Christian home, he faced challenges that pulled him away. God called him back and he served God through many different ministries. The first being Alcoholics Anonymous where he lived in sobriety for 39 years. He valued life-long learning and embraced it as the key to a successful life. He volunteered for Incentives for Success (helping children graduate from high school), Motivating the Teen Spirit (emotional healthiness), Amistad Academy, as a Computer instructor for 8 years (ages 8 to 89), and Landmark Education (a curriculum challenging ones view of the world from a different and new perspective, learning to live life powerfully). His Christian life included teaching Sunday school, Teen Ministry, Save Our Sons, Incarcerated Youth, a children's instructor for seven

years through Bible Study Fellowship, prison ministry at Huron Valley for Women and Milan for Men also seven years. He was a graduate of Word of Life Bible Institute. In 1979, William became a member of the Detroit Cursillo Movement consisting of 34 faiths. In 1989, he became the first Rector of Decolores Ministries (a weekend retreat in Christianity) providing focus bringing men and women to Christ. He also worked tirelessly for Promise Keepers. William was ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Urundi Knox of Ebenezer Ministries. This was one of his most fulfilling experiences. William served as president of Transition House and was on the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Flint. He was an incredible builder of model ships, an avid model car collector, and great photographer. William loved all kinds of music and created an extensive reel to reel collection. He had several hobbies, outdoor grilling, history, specifically the civil war, and gardening. William was at ease with everyone, whether a child, Politician or dignitary. He was employed by General Motors Corporation and retired after 38 years with the UAW as a Computer Expert in the engineering department where he had positive interactions with production workers and corporate executives. William served in the United States Army as a Nuclear Weapons Assemblyman. He loved to travel locally, nationally, abroad and enjoyed taking cruises. William loved his family and most especially his grandchildren. Words Pam uses to describe William – Kind, Protective, Fun, Observant, Inquisitive, Caring, Faithful Servant.

Dea. William Copeland leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife and sweetheart of 37 years: Pamela Loving-Copeland; daughter, Carolyn (Walter) Stewart; son, Pierre Copeland, all of Flint; son, Gregory (Rene) McKay, Lansing, MI; daughter, Michelle Loving-McKay of Pontiac, MI; god-son, Mitchell (Melanie) Harris, of Washington D.C.; grandchildren, Dimitrian Copeland, Ariane Stewart, Gregory McKay, Jr., Austin McKay, Lauren Gurley, Taylor McKay and Marcus Gurley; several great-grandchildren; special niece, Mary Helen (Anton) Jones; special nephew, Alvin DeMar III (Sandra) Loving;

special friends, Lisa Nichols and McKinley (Doris) Thomas; and a host of relatives and friends including cousins, Brenda Floyd and her son, Tony (Jamiese) Floyd.

Dea. Copeland was preceded in death by parents, David And Katherine Copeland; brothers, David Copeland and Larry Copeland and close friend, Amos Taylor.

The family wishes to thank McLaren-Flint Staff, McLaren Hospice, MediLodge of Montrose, Dr. Sergio Ponze, Bishop Urundi B. Knox, the Deacon Board and Ebenezer Ministries Church family, and Candace Mushatt. The family also wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls, and all other expressions of concern that were shown during their time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.

All correspondence, cards and flowers may be sent to: Lawrence E Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **16**. 12:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Family Present

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon William Copeland*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Paula Truss lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



Paula Truss - May 31, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ *To The COPELAND FAMILY:
You have My Deepest Condolence & Sincere Prayer @ this most difficult time.
It does My Heart Glad to know that he's in A Better Place, but he will Truly Be Missed!
I learned So Much from him in ' Character & Computer' Class! He taught the very young to very old with his Unique Style! In 'C & C Class, I was able to follow his lead to become Better in these areas in My Life! To Me, He was "Such A Fine XtraOrdinare Man of God, after Gods Own Heart!"*



Sharon Jackson - October 17, 2015 at 03:53 PM

DM

“ Pam and family, I'm saddened to learn of Willie's passing. William was a kind and giving man to all. His presence will be missed not only among family and friends, but in the larger Genesee County community and State of Michigan. His legacy lives in the heart, soul, mind and lives of many. Others who didn't personally know him yet will still encounter his legacy living in others.



Debra Martin - October 17, 2015 at 08:33 AM

HW

“ Helen Womack lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland



Helen Womack - October 16, 2015 at 08:45 PM

HW

Pam & family, I just received the knowledge of Willie's transition and a deep sadness has gripped my heart. I pleasantly remember Willie as a fun-loving, God fearing gentleman. I pray to God to strengthen you and the family and to fill the void in your hearts with the power of His Almighty, Everlasting Love!

Helen Womack - October 16, 2015 at 09:11 PM

DK

“ Dea. Charles & Sis. Brenda Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland



Dea. Charles & Sis. Brenda Kennedy - October 16, 2015 at 05:39 PM

JC

“ Joe And Rosanne Carron lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland



Joe and Rosanne Carron - October 16, 2015 at 02:21 PM

JC

We Loved Willie. We Love him still. He was, is, and will be in our hearts and souls. He made our hearts glad. We are joyful still when we think of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam and the family now and all ways.

Joe & Rosanne Carron

Joe and Rosanne Carron - October 16, 2015 at 02:24 PM

JC

“ We loved Willie. We love him still. He was, is, and will be a part of our hearts and souls. He made our hearts glad just being around him. We still get glad when we think of him. Our Love, Thoughts, and Prayers to Pam and the family now and all ways.



Joe & Rosanne Carron - October 16, 2015 at 02:15 PM

GB

“ What an awesome man of GOD Mr. Copeland was.... He will truly be missed, I so enjoyed working with him during our time at the Broome Center teaching computer classes. I used to call him the gadget man. He would always come to class and say (with smerck) on his face, guess what I got, and out comes some type of electronic device :-) Praying for you and your family.....

Gail Bowman

Gail Bowman - October 15, 2015 at 03:44 PM

TF

“ *The Billings Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



The Billings Family - October 14, 2015 at 08:54 PM

PC

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



PIERRE COPELAND - October 14, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon William Copeland.*



October 14, 2015 at 10:13 AM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



Sandra Epps - October 13, 2015 at 10:43 PM

RB

“ Pam,

Our sincere condolences at the home going of our dear brother Willie. I will never forget the honest and encouraging witness he had for the Lord and how he lovingly and willingly shared it. His humor combined with his passion leaves many fond memories. Our prayers are with you.



Rick and Lisa Banks - October 13, 2015 at 05:44 PM

JC

“ James And Betty Cummings lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland



James and Betty Cummings - October 12, 2015 at 10:08 PM

TK

“ What a gift William Copeland was to the Christian community! We are personally grateful for his ministry and his friendship. He was truly a dynamic Christian leader.

Love to Pam, the entire Copeland family, and the community of "DEATH COLORES monistries snd the entire Cursillo movement.

*Love,
Tom and Sandy*

Tom and Sandy Krell - October 11, 2015 at 08:31 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



sandra payne - October 10, 2015 at 02:13 PM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



Valerie Southall - October 10, 2015 at 02:10 PM

WL

“ *Welton & Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



welton & carolyn lewis - October 09, 2015 at 11:40 PM

DB

“ *David And Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



David and Dana Bush - October 09, 2015 at 10:43 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Copeland lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Copeland*



Sandra Copeland - October 09, 2015 at 07:02 PM

SC

My sincerest sympathy to you pam and the family. I will miss my brother-n-law. May he rest in Heaven.

Sandra Copeland - October 15, 2015 at 03:27 PM

SC

Pam, you and the family have my deepest sympathy. I will miss my brother-n-law. Willie was there for me when I needed to vent. May he rest in Heaven.

Sandra Copeland - October 16, 2015 at 03:09 AM

SJ

“ **TO THE FAMILY:**
This brings sadness to my heart, as it does yours. You are in my prayers & have my deepest sympathy.
**I WOULDN'T nor A LOT of SENIORS
WOULDN'T KNOW COMPUTERS.....
If it HAD NOT BEEN for HIM!!!
HE WILL BE GREATLY MISS'd!!!**



Sharon Jackson - October 08, 2015 at 04:22 PM

SC

Pan, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my brother-n-law. May God give you strength to endure this sad time. I am keeping you uplifted in prayer. I could always talk to Willie when I needed advice. I will miss him dearly as much as I miss my husband. With deepest sympathy. Your sister-n-law. Sandra Copeland.

Sandra Copeland - October 09, 2015 at 07:07 PM

EH

In memory of Mr William Michelle Gray and Emma Harriston

emma harriston - October 14, 2015 at 03:51 PM

NA

Our Prayers are with you...WE are here for you. Our Deepest Sympathies go out to Bro Greg McKay in the passing of his father (William Copeland). Words cannot express, when you loose someone who has left an impact on your life, and loved by many. We love you Bro Greg, and we are praying for you and your family that God will sustain you during this time. Pastor Larry M. Trice, Jr. and the Tabernacle Of David Church, Lansing, MI

Nabendae Amunga - October 15, 2015 at 09:42 AM