



Allen Ray Copeland

December 2, 1940 - November 8, 2015

Allen Ray Copeland, 74, of Fort Payne, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2015. He was born on December 2, 1940 to the late R.E. and Bessie Martin Copeland. Mr. Copeland was the pastor of Blanche United Methodist Church. For over 20 years, he was known as “Santa Claus” to children for the annual Toys for Tots events, as well as the Christmas in the Park and area churches all over northeast Alabama.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Stonbraker officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 4 until 7 p.m.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara Lewis Copeland; sons Christopher Allen Copeland and wife, Dr. Toni Copeland and Jonathan Howell Copeland; and grandchildren, Forest Allen Copeland, River Delbridge Copeland, Michelle Mukeli and Teddy Mukeli.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Alabama 273
Cedar Bluff, AL 35973

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Allen Ray Copeland

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Dr. Iris Faye Teat and Teddy Mukeli purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Allen Ray Copeland.



Dr. Iris Faye Teat and Teddy Mukeli - November 10, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ Brenda Perkinson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Allen Ray Copeland.



Brenda Perkinson - November 10, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ Scotty And Tammy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Allen Ray Copeland



Scotty and Tammy Blevins - November 10, 2015 at 10:29 AM

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“ Allen was truly a man of God. I had the privilege of being his pastor when he felt the call to the ministry. He was appointed to Blanch United Methodist Church and served them well for several years. He will be missed not only by his church but by all those to whom he was Santa Claus for many years. Our prayers are with Barbara and the family.

Jimmy D. and Ruth Hall

Rev Jimmy D, Hall - November 10, 2015 at 09:23 AM

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“ Mrs. Barbara, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Copeland's passing. It was always a pleasure to work with Mr. Copeland when he did Christmas in the Park for Fort Payne. He loved the children big or small. Heaven has gotten a little sweeter. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Anita Shankles

Anita Shankles - November 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM