



Jimmy Copeland

September 11, 1941 - September 3, 2024

William Jimmy Copeland, 82 of Rainbow City passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at his residence. Jimmy was born September 11, 1941, in Blount County the son of William Peter "Pete" Copeland and Edna Garren Copeland. He was a graduate of J.B. Pennington High School, Class of 1959 and received his bachelor's degree from Auburn University in 1963. He served his country with honor and courage in the US Air Force and retired from Civil Service.

He is survived by a daughter: Renee Copeland Martin; grandsons: John Bradley Bard and Christian Rex Bard; brother: Benny Copeland; nephews: Josh Copeland and Chad Smith. He was preceded in death by a son: Rex Copeland; grandson: Alex Michael Bard and parents: Pete and Edna Copeland.

Funeral Service was 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2024, at the Blountsville Funeral Home. The burial with military honors was in the Blountsville Cemetery, Blountsville Funeral Home directing.

Visitation was from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Blountsville Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Blountsville Cemetery

Blountsville , AL 35031

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Blountsville Funeral Home
69555 Main St
Blountsville, AL 35031
(205) 429-4137

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blountsville Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy Copeland*



Blountsville Funeral Home - September 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM



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“ Dear Family I am thankful that our Lord Jesus moved our beloved Col Copeland to Paradise to be with HIM. But this joy at Col Copeland’s latest and best promotion, leaves me grieving with you in your loneliness.

He hired me into the 117 Civil Engineer Squadron in July 1985. He took a big chance on a young Lieutenant and mentored me in all aspects of Air Force Civil Engineering. I had a great career in CE and it was because of Col Copeland and God's many blessings. Col Copeland was talented in so many areas; I'll only mention 3 huge areas that he mastered. (1) He was a Professional Engineer (PE) and he encouraged me to study hard, take the PE test, and become a PE as well. (2) Col Copeland had a special gift doing Base Development Planning. He had a great vision of how the BHM Base could be a KC-135 Base, and without that vision the KC-135 conversion would not have been successful. (3) He had a great understanding of airfield pavements and could sit in meetings and discuss designs with expert Consultants and Air Force Pavement Engineers.

I could go on for a while about what an impact this man had on the Air Force, the Air National Guard, the BHM Base; me and our family. Col Copeland helped so many and was always humble about it. I would try to tell him how much he helped the Base and me personally and he would shrug it off as insignificant.

I love Col Copeland for the Professional Engineer and Officer that he was and for all he has done for our family and many others.

Renee, I wish I could relieve your grief a little, but please know that I am grieving with you and the grandchildren. Waylon Blakeley (Retired), 117 Civil Engineer Squadron

Waylon Blakeley - September 06, 2024 at 12:12 AM

KC

I second Waylon's comments above and add that I too served with and for Cope for lots of years. Many deployments and projects - remember vividly our ongoing ragging about the spelling of the Copeland / Coupland name. Cope was a regular at our retiree group meetings until a few months ago (about April or May).

My sincere condolences to Renee and all the family!!

Ken Coupland, 117CES (Retired)

Kendall Coupland - September 06, 2024 at 01:34 AM