



John Edward Copeland

March 27, 1941 - September 28, 2016

God saw him getting tired, so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come Home with me!" A golden heart stopped beating. Hard, faithful, working hands were put to rest ... God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

John Edward Copeland Sr. was born to the late Clinton and Sallie Phillips, on March 27, 1941. John was educated in the Portsmouth Public School System. He graduated from I.C. Norcom. He attended TCC and Leo University obtaining an Associate degree. John married Barbara J. Copeland. He served in the United States Air Force. He retired as a Master Sergeant after 30 years of service. He traveled to Germany, Alaska, Greenland, Okinawa, and even Vietnam and various stateside bases during his tour in the Armed Forces. Until his illness in 2013, he was a faithful member of Grove Baptist Church.

John departed this life on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. His final tour of duty was peaceful and quiet. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Sallie, and his brother, Hershey Copeland. He leaves to cherish his memory his faithful wife Barbara; 6 sons: John, Eric, Christopher of Delaware, Larry, Anthony (Angelia) and Michael Copeland; 5 daughters: Joann, Joylynn Copeland, Brenda Hall, Diane Rabb, and Andrea Sinclair of Portsmouth; Sister Hazel Bell of Portsmouth; Brother David Dupree (Evelyn) of Walstonburg, NC; Sister-in-law: Jeanetta Taylor of Washington, D.C.; 16

grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; 2 special God children: David Dupree Jr. of Walstonburg, NC, and Mark Harris of Portsmouth; a special niece: Joyce Ann Copeland-Henderson (James) of Maryland, and a host of nieces and nephews. Special recognition to his extended family at the Hampton VA Medical Center who took care of him and loved him unconditionally.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Service

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Edward Copeland*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 03, 2016 at 06:34 PM

RR

Beautiful tribute. ❤️💙💚

Renee and Michael Reid - October 04, 2016 at 04:57 PM

PC

Absolutely beautiful video tribute to honor John's life. God bless you. Our prayers for Barbara and family. Peggy & Tom

Peggy & Tom Cochran - October 05, 2016 at 11:20 AM

TM

What a beautiful tribute to John. Barbara, you are in our thoughts and prayers. John will always hold a special place in our hearts. May you find peace and comfort from the love of family and friends, your Faith and your memories. love you gf from Jerry and Tina McKnight

Tina McKnight - October 05, 2016 at 11:15 PM

DB

John, well done! Thank you for your service. And this, is a fitting tribute. R I P.

Ron and Sandi Bagley

Dr Ronald M Bagley, Hon. Sandi E. Bagley - October 07, 2016 at 04:08 PM

CJ

“ There are so many wonderful memories that will last me a lifetime of time spent with Uncle John!!! He made my summer's as pleasant as he could!!! I will always love him for that! And the conversations!!!! I love you Uncle John and sleep easy until I get there! And don't let Ms. Burton worry you so much!!!!

Charlie Taylor Jones - October 06, 2016 at 12:39 PM

JM

“ So very sorry for your family's loss Barbara...sending you love and prayers.

Jody Madray - October 04, 2016 at 04:44 PM



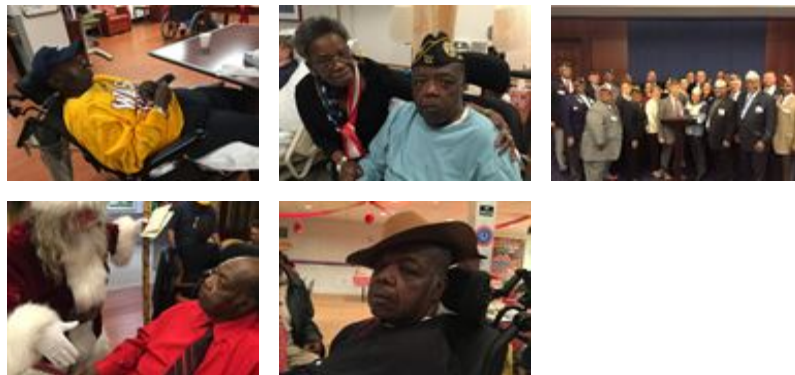
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Edward Copeland.



October 04, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 03, 2016 at 01:10 PM

PC

Beautiful tribute of photos.. Our love and prayers are with you Barbara and to those close to you and John..

Peggy and Tom Cochran - October 03, 2016 at 11:55 PM

FL

“ *From your Hampton VAMC Family with love purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Edward Copeland.*



From your Hampton VAMC Family with love - October 03, 2016 at 09:18 AM

AF

“ *Thank you Mr. John for opening you home to us. You treated me and my family like FAMILY. You will be missed but ALWAYS remembered.*

John 14:1-2

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Matthew 11:28

28 Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Rest In Peace and live your TRUE life now with the Lord

Abshire & Brown Family - September 29, 2016 at 09:08 AM