



Rufus H. Copeland Jr.

August 8, 1935 - July 15, 2023

Our beloved Rufus H. Copeland Jr., 87, was called into rest on Saturday, July 15, 2023, surrounded by family.

He was born on August 8, 1935, in Norfolk County to the late Rufus H., Sr. and Amie Copeland and was affectionately known as Joe which was a nickname given to him by his father after the boxing champion Joe Louis.

Joe received his education in Norfolk County now Chesapeake and attended Norfolk County High School and graduated from Crestwood High School. He was well known and an outstanding athlete. Joe was an Army veteran and retiree from Norfolk Naval Base. Joe accepted Christ in his life and was a dedicated member of New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA.

He was predeceased by his first wife Viola and his wife of many years Barbara Jean, son Eric, daughter Claudette, and brother Jackson.

Left to cherish his memory are his children; five sons Richard (Keisha), Larry, Joe (Mercedes), Antonio, and Terry; eight daughters, Pamela and Sharon, Pamela, Yetta, Trena, Michelle, Delphia (Terry) and Tracey (Eugene); four brothers Charles (Eldrene) Virginia Beach, Herbert (Agnes) Portsmouth, Horace (Vanessa) Portsmouth, Alvin (Shelby) Florida, three sisters Vivian;

Ohio, Alvina; Ohio, and Joyce “BooBoo”; Chesapeake, host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Saint Juliens Creek Cemetery

1225 Deep Creek Boulevard
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

New Galilee Missionary Baptist
1765 S. Military Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



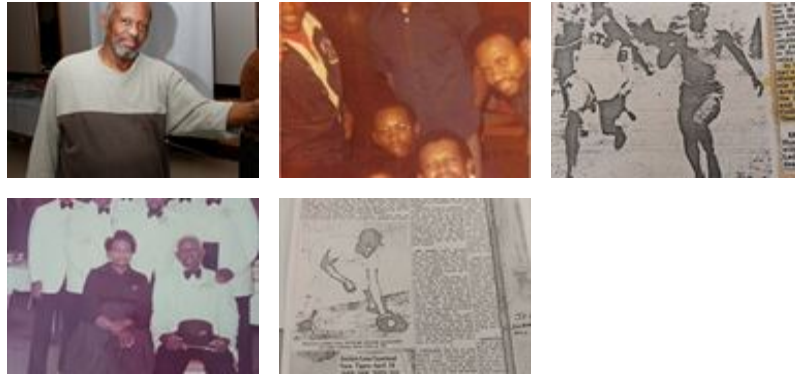
“ Aunt Janet, Uncles Carl & Doug purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rufus H. Copeland Jr..



Aunt Janet, Uncles Carl & Doug - July 23, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Enduring Light Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus H. Copeland Jr..



July 22, 2023 at 06:30 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus H. Copeland Jr..



July 21, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus H. Copeland Jr..



July 21, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ To the family

So sorry for your loss. Joe was a great person and good friend. Rest in heaven my Brother you earned your wings. Deep Creek Baseball.

Willie Duke Ducre

Willie Ducre - July 20, 2023 at 08:11 PM



Rest in peace Joe, your friend, & Supervisor from Naval Supply Center.

James L. Carson, Sr. Suffolk, VA - July 25, 2023 at 06:36 PM



*To the family:
Sorry for your loss, a good has gone on for eternal rest.*

James L. Carson, Sr. Suffolk, VA - July 25, 2023 at 06:40 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Halsey lit a candle in memory of Rufus H. Copeland*



Barbara Nixon Halsey - July 20, 2023 at 04:48 PM

FG

“ *First Baptist Church of Gilmerton purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rufus H. Copeland Jr..*



First Baptist Church of Gilmerton - July 20, 2023 at 04:27 PM

RF

“ *Praying for the Copeland family.*



Rev Joyce Foster - July 19, 2023 at 12:36 PM