



## William Everett Copeland Jr.

August 16, 1931 - January 12, 2024

Conway.....

William E. "Bill" Copeland, Jr., age 92 of Conway and formerly of Surfside Beach peacefully passed away on Friday, January 12, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Mr. Copeland was born August 16, 1931 in Hartsville, SC, son of the late William E. Copeland, Sr. and Matilda Williams Copeland. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather (who was affectionately known to his grandchildren as "Daddy Bill" or "Mr. Bill"). Mr. Copeland was a graduate of Bethune High School in Bethune, SC. He proudly served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean Conflict Veteran. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111. Mr. Copeland was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed watching high school football and basketball. Prior to retirement, he was employed as a Customer Service Engineer with IBM for 37 years, the last two years of which were spent in Germany.

Mr. Copeland was a charter member of Garden City Baptist Church in Garden City, SC. He was also a member of First Baptist Church of Conway where he was a member of the Angler Sunday School Class. In addition to his parents, Bill was predeceased by his first wife and mother of his children, Bobby Jean Morgan Copeland; two sons, Timothy "Tim" M. Copeland and Stanley D.

"Stan" Copeland ; four brother, Hayes Copeland, Gary Copeland, David Copeland, and Donald Copeland; and a sister, Jeanette Brannon.

Surviving are his second wife of 29 years, Barbara Thigpen Copeland; one daughter, Christine "Chris" D. Copeland; one grandson, Jameson Copeland; one sister, Marcia Mincey. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Robert W. Thigpen (Kim); and Jennifer T. Jordan (McKenzie); step grandchildren, Mary Catherine Richardson (Russ), Rebecca T. Crawford (Bryan), Will Jordan, Andrew Jordan, and Anne Caroline Jordan; and three step great grandchildren, Leigh Richardson, Lauren Richardson, and Layla Richardson.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM Tuesday from Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Rev. Rocky Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Agape Hospice and Heartful Hearts In Home Care and especially to Felisa Mathis and Fred Harris for their loving care of Mr. Copeland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

JAN 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Interment

JAN 16 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526



# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I first met Bill in the early 60's when he would come to work on our IBM equipment at Aerovox (AVX) in Myrtle beach. Later I would end up living next store to the Copelands for years. Bill always had quick wit and a great sense of humor. I offer my sincere condolences to the whole family.

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**Ron Stephan** - January 16, 2024 at 09:33 AM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.  
*Isaiah 41:13*

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**Kathryn** - January 15, 2024 at 07:37 PM

FA

“ Barbara & the Copeland family,  
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Felix Ayres & family*

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**Felix Ayres** - January 15, 2024 at 05:40 PM

LB

“ Barbara, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death! While I did not know him personally, I have only heard good things about him. I pray for God's comfort during this difficult time!

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**Lettie Byrdic** - January 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

SR

“ *Barbara and family*

*So sorry to read of the passing of Bill.  
Barbara you were a wonderful wife and  
caretaker. May God give you peace and  
comfort now and in the days ahead.*

*Love and sympathy  
Sylvia Richardson*



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**Sylvia Richardson** - January 15, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BJ

“ *Betty F Jordan lit a candle in memory of  
William Everett Copeland Jr.*



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**betty F Jordan** - January 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of  
William Everett Copeland Jr..*



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January 15, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William Everett Copeland Jr..*



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January 15, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Barbara and family I am sorry to hear of your loss. I have known Bill for about 25 years. He was always a nice pleasant guy.*

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**George Oliver** - January 15, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Copeland family. While I never knew any of you I knew Bill for many years while working with AVX beginning iin 1970-. Bill was the computer technician who serviced our equipment. I cherished our friendship very much. I enjoyed just sitting and talking with Bill. He could carry on some hilarious onversations and was never at a loss for words. After he retired I didn't see him much. I'm sure you will miss him greatly. May God bring you peace in these dark hours.*

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**Wayne Williams** - January 15, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *BARBARA AND FAMILY. WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS . HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO US. YOU WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR SAVIOUR COMFORT YOU. FRANK AND JUNE PARKER*

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**FRANK PARKER** - January 15, 2024 at 08:50 AM

GG

“ Barbara and family,, Joann and I are so sorry to hear about Billy.  
You will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Gwen Gainey - January 14, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Everett Copeland Jr..



January 14, 2024 at 06:17 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders-Butler lit a candle in memory of William Everett Copeland Jr.



Rhonda Sanders-Butler - January 14, 2024 at 02:50 PM

LR

*I lived next door to Bill and Barbara for close to 20 years. Bill and Barbara were the very best of neighbors and First Class people. Barbara, we are sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My son just texted me a few minutes ago and let me know. Our deepest condolences for you and the Copeland family. Leo and Janet Rabon*

Leo D Rabon - January 16, 2024 at 03:20 PM