



Larry B. Copeland

June 24, 1936 - May 19, 2020

Larry Byrnes Copeland, 83, passed away on May 19, 2020.

He was born in Buffalo, SC, son of the late P.L. and Myrtle Liner Copeland, and was a graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 2007, Mr. Copeland was named S.C. Engineer of the Year. He actively served at Taylors First Baptist Church in many different capacities. Mr. Copeland served as a volunteer for Taylors Free Medical Clinic, United Way and many other charitable organizations. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served as an officer in the Transportation Corps.

Surviving are his wife, Nell Gardner Copeland of the home; three daughters, Jana Justice (Larry) of Townville, Donna Fowler (Joey) and Wendy Viney (Jeff) both of Greer; six grandchildren, Austin Trout, Cam Viney, Copeland Viney, Zoie Justice, Gardner Anne Viney and Hayden Justice and two nieces, Lynn Copeland of Union and Helen Carter (Billy) of Lexington.

Mr. Copeland was predeceased by one brother, Kenneth Copeland.

A private graveside service will be held at Taylors First Baptist Church cemetery conducted by Rev. Jerry Long and Rev. Clyde Wright.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Taylors Free Medical Clinic, 400 West Main Street, Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Comments



“ Nell and Family,

I was so very sorry to learn about Larry's passing. I worked with him for many years and truly considered him a friend. We also served in the diaconate at TFBC several times. You have my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers.

Randy Vaughn

F Randy Vaughn - May 25 at 10:43 AM



“ Nell,

I'm very sorry to hear of Larry passing. I will miss seeing him at the football games and I know that you and your family will miss him in many many ways. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jim McCarter

James T McCarter - May 23 at 09:26 PM



“ We moved in the house next door to Mr. and Mrs. Copeland 8 years ago. They have been so good to my family since the first day. Larry was the kind of guy that made you want to be a better person. I know where his is today and I look forward to seeing him again one day. Praying for the entire family. Chris and Heather Bensch

Chris Bensch - May 21 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Nell,

I was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I'm praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. I thought about you earlier this week when we were closing up our classrooms for the summer. You were such a wonderful teacher and Michael loved you so much! Take care of yourself and rest in the promise that Larry is with Jesus.

Love,
Karen Stoddard

Karen Stoddard - May 21 at 12:14 PM



“ Larry was a great guy, customer and friend. He will be greatly missed!
Bret & The Classic Ace Hardware Family

Bret King - May 21 at 08:43 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Larry. He was a dear friend and my buddy. We worked at SIRRINE for many years.

Sue Finley - May 20 at 05:28 PM



“ Larry was a coworker many years ago at SIRRINE. He was such a dedicated worker and very well respected. Prayers for the family.

Cendy Lee (Simmons) Wheeler - May 20 at 04:52 PM



“ Larry was a dear friend of many years who loved to talk and I loved to listen to him. He was a dedicated Christian husband and father who loved his family, his church and his many friends. We all will miss him greatly, but rejoice in knowing he is at his heavenly home in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

James Harkness - May 20 at 01:36 PM



“ Oh goodness, Nell, Wendy, Donna (& Jana although we've never met), I'm so sorry for your loss. I heard from a friend tonight - one of your swim parents, Wendy. I know from the painful loss of my Dad and what you are going through. Glad you all have each other and are all strong women! Special people touch our lives and remain with us forever, as Larry will with you all. Glad he is in peace with the Lord now. Ya'll take care and celebrate his life. Much love and prayers for you all!

Love, Myra & Todd Simmons

Myra Simmons - May 21 at 12:25 AM



“ Nell, you and the family are in our prayers.

I joined SIRRINE just after completing 4 years in the Air Force. I reported to Larry's group. Soon after I started, Larry began to urge me to attend Clemson and earn an engineering degree which I was later able to do. Over the years Larry and a small group of us at SIRRINE spent many enjoyable hours together hunting and fishing around the state. As a mentor and a friend Larry's influence had a positive impact on my life in many ways.

Rest In Peace my friend.

Lew Hoffman

Lew Hoffman - May 21 at 12:25 PM



“ Larry was an excellent engineer, educator, mentor and counselor to many young engineers.

As a co-worker I highly valued his engineering expertise, his friendship and his sense of humor.

Our thoughts are with Nell and his family.

Mike and Charlotte Knowles

Mike Knowles - May 21 at 01:37 PM



“ Larry and I both grew up in Union County, however, I did not know him until I met him in Huntsville, AL 57 years ago. We both went to work at JE Serrine about the same time in 1966. The Copeland's furniture and our furniture were moved to Greenville from Huntsville in the same Allied Moving Truck. They unloaded at Larry's house first. I joked with him about him instructing the movers to unload some of our furniture at his house. I frequently asked him to return our furniture. It was a joke that lasted all these years. He always just smiled about it.

He will be missed. Nell and family members, Marge and I extended our deepest sympathy to you at this difficult time.

Larry Candler

Larry Candler - May 21 at 06:14 PM



“ Nell, Janna, Donna, and Wendy. So sad to hear of Larry's passing. Other than my dad, I know of no other man that so influenced my life. He was a mentor, counselor, supporter and friend. Deb and I pray the Lord will sustain you during your grief. I can't think of Larry without smiling knowing that he is with the Savior he lived for.

Ted and Deb Brooker

Ted Brooker - May 22 at 10:50 AM