



Joe Copeland

October 29, 1945 - July 14, 2007

Heading: Joe Frank Copeland

Dateline: Greer

Joe Frank Copeland, 61, of 302 Copeland Road, died July 14, 2007 at his home.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late Gaines William and Clara Belle Wynn Copeland. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserves. Mr. Copeland was an active member since birth at Fairview Baptist Church, where he served as treasurer, deacon, usher, and present chairman of the finance committee. Mr. Copeland was a graduate of American Institute of Banking at Louisiana State University. He had served 45 years in banking in the Greer area. He was Vice President in the commercial lending department at Greer State Bank. Mr. Copeland was a member of the American Institute of Banking for Greenville and Spartanburg area where he was a past president.

Surviving are his wife, Rita Vaughn Copeland of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Von Marie and Tim Wyatt of Travelers Rest; a son, William Joe Copeland of Rostov, Russia; two brothers, Freddie Copeland of Greer and Johnny Copeland of Spartanburg; and two sisters, Alice Duncan of Greer and Juanita Jones of Evans, Georgia.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at Fairview Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Steve Patton, Dr. James Crocker, Mr. Lane Solesbee, and Mr. Dennis Hennett. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at Fairview Baptist Church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church, 1300 Locust Hill Road,
Greer, S.C. 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Church
1300 Locust Hill Road
Greer, SC 29651

Service

JUL **20.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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1300 Locust Hill Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ To Rita, Von and Will, our love is with you always and we share in your loss of a wonderful man, husband and father.

The entire Greer area will miss him because Joe leaves behind a unique void that cannot be filled. His gentle personality, his very big heart, his dry wit will never be replaced.

For Joe, a job well done, a journey well traveled, a life well lived. God speed, Old Friend,##imported-begin##Evans and Sylvia Medlock##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 07:43 AM



“ Joe Copeland was a wonderful person to work with during Bank of Greer time.

My Prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Carol Green##imported-begin##Carol Fiske Green ##imported-end##

July 20, 2007 at 03:58 PM



“ The area has lost a good friend MR COPELAND has been there to help so many people in so many ways that changed the lives of there famlies and there future he will be missed . You are in our prayers

CHIEF JAMES MCKIN
LAKE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

.##imported-begin##James Mckin##imported-end##

July 19, 2007 at 09:40 AM



“ Dear Copeland Family,
What a kind soul you have lost. I worked with Joe at Bank of Greer and UCB but also knew him from Fairview Baptist Church where my grandparents were lifelong members. My deepest sympathy for your loss.
May God hold you and comfort you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Susan Brown Hamilton##imported-end##

July 19, 2007 at 08:57 AM



“ Mrs. Copeland,

Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I had only 2 chances to meet Joe. The first was when you came by on a Sunday evening and the second was seeing him on a tractor bushhogging around our house. He did that just because we said we would like to do it at some point. I never expected to see him show up a week later and do it. That showed how kind he really was. I thought after that that I needed to work on myself to be kinder and to help people. I wish I could have known him more. My boys really enjoyed seeing him on that tractor and hearing and seeing the cows. God bless.

Chris, Wendy, Hunter, and Connor Garrison##imported-begin##Chris and Wendy Garrison##imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 11:39 AM



“ Rita:
I just wanted you to know how sorry I am that Joe has passed away. He was very helpful when my dad died. He was a good friend to daddy and my entire family. Joe will be missed by the whole community. You and your children are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Wanda Gibson##imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Copeland Family:
Our prayers are with you all during this sad time. Joe was such a gentle man and he showed this in the daily commission of his job. May God's love and grace be with you, giving you peace as you go through the coming days. God bless you is our prayer!##imported-begin##Clyde & Linda C. Roberts##imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 09:09 AM



“ Rita.. I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I just wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.
Margi Davies##imported-begin##Margi & Eric Davies and family##imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 08:36 AM



“ Rita and Alice,
*I was both shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. I am praying for you during this difficult time.
I love you.
Maria##imported-begin##Maria Lynn##imported-end##*

July 18, 2007 at 07:46 AM



“ Rita,
My prayers and thoughts are with you, Alice, and your entire family. Joe will be sorely missed.

William##imported-begin##*William B. Lancaster*##imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 07:26 AM



“ Joe was certainly a great friend. Our heartfelt condolences and our prayers will be with the family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##*William and Hazel Burr*##imported-end##

July 17, 2007 at 03:31 PM



“ *Ronald & Hazel Waters*
*I worked at the Bank of Greer with Joe and he always had time to stop and help when things needed to be done. He helped me in the overdraft department when Mr. Bobo was away. He always was a gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I now live in Hawick Scotland where my husband and I are missionaries. We have been here for 18 years. God bless you.##imported-begin##*Hazel Collins Waters*##imported-end##*

July 17, 2007 at 11:59 AM



“ *My thoughts are prayers are with you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##*Mary Lisa (Johnson) Richards*##imported-end##*

July 17, 2007 at 11:22 AM



“ Joyce and I were saddened to read about Joe's death. Joyce fondly remembers working with Rita at Crestview. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this sad time.##imported-begin##Richard & Joyce Strawhorn##imported-end##

July 17, 2007 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Copeland,

I was so sorry to hear about your husband. He was a very caring man. I had met him at Bank of Greer many years ago. I know you will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

The Donaldson##imported-begin##Brianna & Pam Donaldson##imported-end##

July 17, 2007 at 09:46 AM



“ With heartfelt sympathy for a wonderful family. May God be with you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Pauline Noe##imported-end##

July 17, 2007 at 07:01 AM



“ It was my pleasure to have counted Joe as a true friend. During the years we worked together at Bank of Greer and UCB, I could always count on Joe to assist me in many areas of banking. We were at School of Banking at LSU together and it was nice to have Joe with me for my first time of being away from home. I express to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of a great man.##imported-begin##Ronnie Knight##imported-end##

July 16, 2007 at 09:09 PM



“ we just wanted to tell you how sorry we are to hear about your loss. You and Joe have helped my family in so many ways especially when it came to Zachary. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##robin.joe,zachary&chelsea butler##imported-end##

July 16, 2007 at 06:18 PM



“ Dear Copeland Family,
Deepest sympathy from the Watson Family during this time of grief. Rita, You and Joe helped us in so many ways. School and Banking. May God hold you in his hand and provide comfort to you. William & Jenny Watson##imported-begin##William & Jenny Watson##imported-end##

July 16, 2007 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Copeland Family:*

We cannot express enough of sympathy for your family and the grief you are experiencing. But, we can send our condolences, and we can celebrate the life of a good friend; great co-worker and a special individual that touch many lives through his kindness; thoughtfulness of others and his quiet demeanor that just said -- "I am here to help anyone that needs me". With all our prayers and faith in God that will walk with your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Bob and Ann Vaughn##imported-end##

July 16, 2007 at 03:04 PM