



## Carl Ray Copeland

October 25, 1947 - March 23, 2021

A memorial service for Carl Ray Copeland, age 73 of Hideaway, Texas, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2021 at the Sunnyvale First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale, Texas with Chase Crawford officiating.

Carl passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in Tyler, Texas. He was born October 25, 1947 in Terrell, Texas to the late Jesse Henry Copeland and Mary Edith Ritchie-Copeland. Carl has lived in Hideaway for the last 7 years where he was a member of the Hideaway Lake Community Church. Carl was a true sports enthusiast as he spent 38 years coaching High School Football for various districts including Haltom High School in Haltom City and Horn High School in Mesquite. Throughout the years he has kept up with many of his students and his own classmates. He was quick witted, a great storyteller and had a laugh that would fill the room with joy. He was a lover of every morsel of life with a positive outlook and adored his family. Carl loved playing golf and enjoyed working in his yard at Hideaway where he was proudly awarded yard of the month.

He is preceded in death by parents, Jesse Henry Copeland and Mary Edith Copeland, brother, James Copeland, and step-daughter Lori Hanson.

Carl is survived by his wife, Becky Copeland of Hideaway, Texas; sons, Scott Copeland and wife, Carol of Fort Worth, Texas and Mark Copeland and wife, Shara of Justin, Texas; daughters, Jennifer Deaver and husband, Chad of Wills Point, Texas and Stefanie Robertson and husband, Brian of Forney, Texas, Karen Rivera and husband, David of Richardson, Texas; brothers,

Travis Copeland and wife, Betty of Forney, Texas and Robert Copeland and wife, Sherrice of Bedford, Texas; grandchildren, Cole Edwards, Madison Edwards, Hannah Copeland, Josie Copeland; and by marriage, gained bonus grandchildren, also nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sunnyvale First Baptist Church  
3018 N. Belt Line Rd.  
Sunnyvale, TX 75182

# Tribute Wall



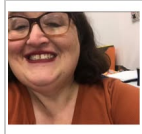
“ *Carl Ray Copeland*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Carl Ray Copeland*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I was searching for Coach Copland because I wanted to reach out to him and tell him what a difference he made in my life when I was in high school. I'm so sad to hear he passed. I wasn't in sports but I had him as a teacher in one or my classes. I still have a note he gave me in 1992. It's faded and yellowing but it still means a lot to me. He believed in me and he helped me to believe in myself. I'll always remember him.*

**Becky Cloud** - April 29, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *I can not express my thoughts pertinent to Carl's passing other than my heart aches for all of you. May he rest in peace. The friendship we shared back in school will never be forgotten. May God bless his soul.*

**Rodney Stephen Wilson** - April 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



April 04, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



April 04, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *He will be missed terribly. Happy memories and a lot of laughs will always be with you. Just remembering his contagious laugh makes me smile. I loved Carl.*



*Melanie Ray*

**Melanie Ray** - April 04, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



April 04, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



April 03, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



April 02, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



April 01, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Bobby Pinkston* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



**Bobby Pinkston** - April 01, 2021 at 06:19 PM

HK

“ Coach challenged us at the beginning of every class by quoting this to us and I still think about it often.

*“This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good.*

*What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be a gain, not a loss – good not evil. Success, not failure, in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.”*

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**Hope Kresge** - March 31, 2021 at 01:34 AM

DE

“ Damon, Alicia, Cole, Madison, Drew, Austin Edwards purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



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**Damon, Alicia, Cole, Madison, Drew, Austin Edwards** - March 29, 2021 at 10:45 PM

WH

“ With love, Ronnie & Traci Hooks purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



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**With love, Ronnie & Traci Hooks** - March 29, 2021 at 08:27 PM

ST

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Stefanie - March 29, 2021 at 01:12 PM

JW

“ Prayers out to the entire Copeland family. Coach gave me my first opportunity to coach back in '93. He has been and will be an inspiration to all of his former coaches and players. RIP Carl.

Joe Ward - March 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



March 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



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March 28, 2021 at 01:05 PM

SK

“ I've been asked if I have any unique pictures of Coach Copeland. I wish the ones burned into my brain could be shared. All his players have images of amazing moments they will not ever forget; all backed by his piercing eyes and infectious smile. If anyone would have told me over 30 years ago that you'll have someone come into your life that will yell at you, push you so hard in 110 degree weather you almost get heat stroke while making you wear a black helmet; then make you lift weights so hard they have courtesy throw-up buckets... but you will love them more than you realize and their impact will positively impact the rest of your life; I would have thought you insane... but it happened to lots of us. I loved my time as his player, but cherish the friendship we grew to have. I lost over half of my eligibility in high school due to parents fighting over custody and moving in and out of state. When Coach gave me the bad news about losing my playing time, he said you are at the heart of the team, and you don't need to wear your bonnet on Friday night for that. He told me I would practice with the team, but for games I would be the “Manager” then he handed me a nice shirt to wear. He would occasionally come by and say “keep practicing like a player”; a motto I adopted and carried in my life, as to stay sharp and game ready, even now in my 50s. He was an inspirationalist on every level. He told me he was extremely shy when public speaking, and started memorizing quotes to help him when he had to speak. I was floored when I learned that, as I have a clear relatedness to him as a masterful public speaker; but once again another reason to love and respect him. The day I got my college scholarship at the awarding ceremony during school, he came down to stop, take one of the Coach moments, and say “Great Job!”, with one of his trademark arm squeezes. Those words came easier to our team, but he did not offer them in vain, you had to earn them. I cherished the moments later in life when we saw each other we would give each other the giggles, he always asked for my Coach Wood Impressions, and he would even email me stories. Losing a friend is sad, losing a legend is a tragedy.





Sean Kinney - March 27, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DG

“ You were a great friend, good golf coach and football coach. I was so happy when you and Becky got together. Perfect mate for each of you. You will be missed.

Dorris Burks Gaston - March 27, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DF

“ I am so saddened to hear of Carl Copeland's death. Never was there a kinder, more thoughtful, sweeter man. A true gentleman. I feel so blessed to have known him. Everyone who knew him truly loved him.

*My deepest sympathy to his family,*

*Dr. Honor Franklin*

Dr. Honor Franklin - March 26, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



March 26, 2021 at 05:57 PM

GH

“ Carl was a very special friend. His positive outlook on life and his wonderful sense of humor were his trademarks. We were both colleagues and dear friends. My heart is broken by his untimely death.

Gay Bennett (NMHS & Horn) - March 26, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



March 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ The Tom Watkins Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



The Tom Watkins Family - March 26, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.



March 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



March 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



March 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Copeland.*



March 26, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Henry Bowdoin lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Copeland*



**Henry Bowdoin** - March 26, 2021 at 11:49 AM



*What a great guy and he will be missed!*

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**Ken Webb** - April 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM