



Jerry Norman Copes Sr.

June 10, 1952 - April 15, 2022

Obituary

Jerry Norman Copes, Sr., formerly of Horntown, Virginia, was a resident of Salisbury, Maryland. He peacefully departed this earthly life on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland.

Born on June 10, 1952, he was the son of the late George Copes and Holland Stansbury (Lawrence Stansbury). Jerry was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland.

The beloved husband of Edna Copes, they were joined in holy matrimony on June 28, 1996. They enjoyed a loving union of twenty-six (26) years.

Jerry entered military service on the 25th day of January 1974. He served in the United States Army 22nd Infantry as a mechanic until his honorable discharge on the 5th day of November 1976. His notable employments included Tom & Jerry's, Chesapeake Foods, Tyson Foods, Perdue Poultry Plant and lastly, he retired from the Worcester County Detention Center as a Correctional Officer.

He joined Mount Wesley United Methodist Church where he served as a Lay Speaker, President of the Methodist Men, member of the Usher board and a

former member of the finance committee. He was also a member of the family gospel group Select. Jerry was a lifetime lover of music and his favorite hymns were "I'm Pressing On", "I'm Just A Nobody", "Let It Rain", and "There's A Bright Side Somewhere."

He was devoted to The Lord, his family and friends, but especially his grandkids. He always tried to leave you with a smile. He was a loving and genuine soul. Jerry was kind hearted and thoughtful. He was a peacekeeper, and counselor to all. There was nobody cooler than Jerry.

Jerry leaves to cherish loving memories: his devoted wife, Edna Copes and eight children, Todd Morris, Sr. (Kimberly) of Washington, DC, Anita (Serafin) Ramos of Salisbury, MD, Tammy Copes of Salisbury, MD, Anita Ayres (Craig) of Salisbury, MD, Shanita Copes of Pocomoke City, MD, Vernetta Ayres of Snow Hill, MD, Jerry Copes, Jr. of Pocomoke City, MD and Alphonso "Monty" Taylor of Baltimore, MD; one god daughter Kiara Townsend and one godson Albert Bateman. He also leaves fond memories with: twenty-one (21) grandchildren and eleven (11) great-grandchildren; 3 aunts, Hazel (Earl) Marshall and Beulah Wallop, both of Horntown, VA and Esther Dickerson of Pocomoke City, MD; one uncle, J.C. Lankford of Stockton, MD; two nephews, Pierre Copes, Sr. of Baltimore, MD and Blankford Copes, Jr. of Salisbury, MD and his special friends, Audrey Waters, Gregory Waters, Larry Steele, Sidney Cottman, Bryant Ringgold, Reese Gardner and a host of cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Blankford "Butch" Copes, Sr.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Cemetery Details

Maryland Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

Previous Events

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

APR 30. 3:00 AM.

Benniesfh Salisbury
<http://Facebook>

*Live Stream will be available after service starts, on our website, under Photos and Videos
Benniesmithfuneralhome.com*

Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

APR 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Pops.....



Man still can't believe it. My heart and my mind are in two different places my mind saying it's not real but my heart is crushed and hurts so I know it has to be. I told your baby girl that I was going to tell you face to face that you asking me a lot to fill your shoes as the NEW head of household and I seen you for the viewing and got chocked up. You always managed to get one over on me lol. You know pops there is a lot of hard pills to swallow but nothing and I mean NOTHING can top when I had to brake the bad news to your granddaughter Trin. She was so hurt and I could not console her because of the distance we live all I can do was sit there and listen to her cry and say daddy why this is truly the saddest moment in my life. I am going to miss our talks about life, religions, married advices, the help in hands, the jokes, you calling out in church "THAT'S MY WIFE" or "THAT'S DAUGHTER OR GRANDDAUGHTER" I will forever hold on to the good times nothing can take that away. From the moment you meant me you knew I was good at heart besides knowing my dad cause our names are tied together and you working with him you took my daughter as your grand baby and loved her unconditionally and she loved you right back she could feel the bond now I see why it hurt her so much and your daughter is the strongest young lady I know it's a honor to be married to her and I will do anything for her but the news was so hard on her that the pain I could not heal or help her the screams and cries was just to much. You don't know angels existed until you lose one this is Devastating blow in life we will march and carry on for you just know it all out of love for you I am glad you got 100% healed before you left I knew you felt like a million bucks and looked it too " Gone with your bad self" I am using your lines now 😊 my pops you are truly one of a kind. Your kind hearted, thoughtful, great listener, great supporter, and the backbone of the family thank you so much for everything you done for me and your daughter and granddaughter you will be truly missed. Love you pops

- *Your Son in Law*

Serafin Ramos - May 02, 2022 at 05:03 PM

CF

“ *What a great man!! Mr. Jerry You will truly be missed! Sending so much love to the family.*



charnell fitchett - April 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Rip Uncle .This one hurts. I'm really going to miss coming home and you singing with The Finney's. Myself and you and Dad playing on your guitars as we sing I've been Redeemed. Love you always! Precious memories always!*



Tara Finney - April 30, 2022 at 07:55 AM

GW

“ *Gregory Waters lit a candle in memory of Jerry Norman Copes Sr.*



Gregory Waters - April 30, 2022 at 12:45 AM

GW

I cannot imagine what it's going to be like without my friend. We literally talked everyday, sometimes multiple times. Rest In Peace My Friend...

Gregory Waters - April 30, 2022 at 12:52 AM

BR

“ *Bryant Ringgold lit a candle in memory of Jerry Norman Copes Sr.*



Bryant Ringgold - April 29, 2022 at 01:57 PM

BR

Jerry was a man among men and always saw the best in people. He always said I was helpful to him but in truth he helped to make me a better person. I will truly miss my zero turn expert! The world isn't the same place without my friend. Take your rest. You have earned your reward. God speed

Bryant Ringgold - April 29, 2022 at 02:03 PM

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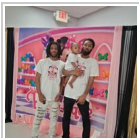
“ *RIP Me. Jerry! One of the best neighbors in the “circle” ever! Prayers to the family and Mrs. Edna*

Leslie Deshields - April 29, 2022 at 01:25 PM

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*Mr****

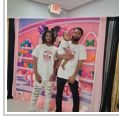
Leslie Deshields - April 29, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Shanita Copes lit a candle in memory of Jerry Norman Copes Sr.*



Shanita Copes - April 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM



Dad the boys n I love and miss you

Shanita Copes - April 29, 2022 at 12:02 PM

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“ *Daddy,
Thank you for everything. Every word of
advise, every tear you wiped, every late night
conversation and every counseling session
you gave me. Thank you for loving me
unconditionally, I was perfect in your eyes even when I wasn't right.
Daddy I miss you but I know you are where you want to be. Daddy
you made it. All the work you did down here on earth has finally paid
off and you received your reward. You finally heard “Well done,
good and faithful servant.”
Love Baby Girl*



Anita Ramos - April 28, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Jerry Norman Copes Sr..*



April 26, 2022 at 08:48 PM

BB

“ *To The Copes Family,
Sending Condolences on the loss of your
loved one. May God grant each of you his
peace and comfort you now and in the days
to come. Thankful for his service to our
Country and remembering him as a gentleman and a kind person.*



*Regards,
Benedetta Blue and Family*

Benedetta Blake - April 26, 2022 at 08:11 PM