



William James Copes Sr.

October 31, 1935 - August 28, 2021

HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

William James Copes, Sr. (1935-2021) was born to the late William James and Alene Ewell Copes on October 31, 1935 in Chincoteague, Virginia. He departed this life peacefully on August 28, 2021 at the Wicomico Nursing Home in Salisbury, Maryland.

William James Copes, Sr. was united in holy matrimony on November 9, 1954 to the love of his life, Jimmie Mae Marshall Copes. James and Jimmie Mae shared a love together for almost fifty years until death separated them on May 15, 2004. To this union, were birthed nine beautiful children.

He received a formal education in the Accomack County public schools and later received his degree as an auto mechanic in Baltimore, Maryland and that led to the beginning of his entrepreneurship in the late 1960's. He was the owner of the following businesses: a gas and service station, trained and raced two winning horses and a billiards game poolroom. It wasn't long before our father had discovered that truck driving was really his passion and he couldn't get away from it. He was in the trucking industry for over twenty-five years and he encouraged and trained one of his God given sons, Jeff, to drive. He also owned two small trucking businesses under the names of S J & J Trucking and Copes' Transport.

James, as he was called by many, was a devoted husband, father, grand and great-grand father, brother, uncle, friend, baseball coach and business man. A family man indeed, who loved his children and especially “his boys” as he would often call them, no matter their age. What an “AMAZING” father he was, always looking out for his family and making things happen for us! We were some blessed children, growing up in Pocomoke City! Also, he loved God and received Christ at the New Macedonia Baptist Church, as his Lord and Savior, in the early years of his life.

William James Copes, Sr. leaves to cherish loving memories of his blessed life to:

The Sons: Leon Marshall (Susan) of Woodbridge, VA; William J. Copes, Jr. (Cheryl) of Fayetteville, NC; Reginald I. Copes (Tammy) of Dallas, TX; Terry L. Copes, Sr. of Baltimore, MD and Kenny D. Thomas (Larissa) of Chipley, FL.

The Daughters: Connie M. Crippen of Salisbury, MD; Apostle Sandra R. Copes of Fruitland, MD; Evangelist Faith L. White (Kevin) of Salisbury, MD who also preceded him in death (June 2021); Pastor Dechryl A. Curtis (Minister Michael) of Bear, DE and Mitzie L. Copes (Fiancé Darnell, Sr.) of Harrington, DE.

The Lineage: thirty grandchildren; thirty-five, great-grandchildren.

One Sister and One Brother: Delois A. Singleton of Pocomoke City, MD and Hargis T. Fletcher, Jr. of Baltimore, MD; former spouse, Sherrye M. Copes of Wattsville, VA.

Devoted God given sons and a daughter: Willie J. Cottingham of Pocomoke City, MD; Jeffrey L. Tatem of Clinton, NC; Pastor Anthony Tucker of Norfolk,

VA; Bishop Daryl Butts (Michelle) of Salisbury, MD and Evangelist Terri L. Derrickson of Fruitland, MD and a host of nieces, nephews, two brothers-in-law, other relatives and friends.

He also had one brother and three sisters who preceded him in death, Leroy Copes, Catherine E. Fields, Alice L. Huffman and Diane E. Fletcher.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William James Copes Sr.*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 11, 2021 at 03:30 PM

SP

“ *I did share my condolences to the family, but it seems like it was remove*

Jesus is Love,

Sheila L Palmer - September 11, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JA

“ *James.Simpkins lit a candle in memory of William James Copes Sr.*



James.Simpkins - September 10, 2021 at 02:23 PM

BF

“ It sadden my heart to hear the passing of my long time friend as we call him James Copes. We loved him but God loved him best and he is no longer suffering. He is heaven rejoicing with the angels, his wife and other loved ones. James, sleep on take your rest, see you in the morning. If you should ever need us, we are just a phone call away.

Bishop Jenkins & Family - September 09, 2021 at 04:42 PM

TM

Connie Crippen, Sad here of your loss James Copes.. You did all you could taking care of your dad. Praying for you. I'm here for you at anytime.

Toni Malone - September 10, 2021 at 06:31 PM

PN

“ Pastor Luridean Nichols lit a candle in memory of William James Copes Sr.



Pastor Luridean Nichols - September 09, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William James Copes Sr..



September 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM

VH

“ Vicki Harmon lit a candle in memory of William James Copes Sr.



Vicki Harmon - September 03, 2021 at 09:35 PM

CB

“ Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of William James Copes Sr.



Cassandra Bailey - September 02, 2021 at 03:17 PM