



Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.

November 26, 1939 - October 29, 2017

Funeral services for Walter Boyd Copeland, Jr., 77, will be held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 31, at 11:00 a.m. with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends after the service. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Walter passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Born in Hartsville, SC, on November 26, 1939, he was the son of the late Boyd Copeland and Ruth Kelly Copeland. He graduated from Hartsville High School and USC with a degree in Journalism. At 15, Walter began his career at WHSC radio station in Hartsville. In 1965 Walter was proud to establish the South Carolina Gamecock radio network for football and basketball. Some of his favorite memories were of Announcer Bob Fulton and Coach Frank McGuire. Walter later worked for the Hartsville Community Action Agency. He went on to work for the Darlington County Department of Social Services. After more than thirty years as director of social services in both Darlington and Richland Counties, Walter officially retired, but he continued to serve as a consultant through 2009. His love of helping others was seen in his lifetime work with DSS. Walter also enjoyed his Gamecocks and his deep discussions of sports, politics, and literature. He will be greatly missed by his family and his loyal dogs, Bishop and Skip.

Walter is survived by his daughters, Ashley Burchfield (Charlie) and Jenifer

Crawford (Matt), as well as their mother Belinda Copeland. His grandchildren are Toby Burchfield, Copeland Crawford, and Craig Crawford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the USC Education Foundation (noting the Thad “Ted” E. Saleeby Memorial Scholarship), 1027 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29208, or gift online at <https://giving.sc.edu/> , “specify your gift,” and find Thad E. Ted Saleeby Fund.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia Cemetery

3061 Wesley Chapel Road
Lamar, SC 29069

Previous Events

Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I worked for Walter as a kid out of college in 1975 . Case manager 1 - made just under 6800/ year . A mother with two children received \$96.12 per month in AFDC ...Walter was smart as a whip and dedicated to being the best County Director in the State . He always served the clients and never tolerated disrespect of the poor . We need more like him now .

john roven - July 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Thank you for hiring me at Darlington DSS in 1975, Rest in peace after many years of public service

Ronald Nordman - February 18, 2018 at 10:49 PM

DW

“ Danny & Patti Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Danny & Patti Weaver - December 05, 2017 at 05:47 PM

SF

“ Ashley , My prayers and love go out to you and your family. You are a wonderful person and wonderful daughter ! Much love , Shawn and Warner De Hart.

Shawn Fletcher - November 07, 2017 at 11:30 AM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Lori and Randy Lowe - November 04, 2017 at 10:15 PM

AW

“ *Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Anna Williams - November 04, 2017 at 08:08 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Deborah Gandy - November 02, 2017 at 08:09 AM

PW

“ *Patti Kelley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Patti Kelley Williams - November 01, 2017 at 10:18 PM

BS

“ *Blake & Jennie Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Blake & Jennie Sellers - October 31, 2017 at 12:29 PM

GB

“ *I will always remember Walter as a person you could always turn to when you needed help. I considered him a friend and a great person and asset to the SC Department of Social Services. He always had a smile on his face. He will truly be missed by all those who knew him.*

Garry Baxley

Garry Baxley - October 31, 2017 at 10:16 AM

LH

“ *I will be forever grateful to Walter Copeland for supporting me and giving me an opportunity. My thoughts are with the family. Lyn Howell Hensel, attorney in Columbia SC*

Lyn Hensel - October 31, 2017 at 08:10 AM

EP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Copeland. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

Emily Phillips - October 30, 2017 at 09:31 PM

LJ

“ *It was a pleasure having him as our boss and leader at DSS. He was a great boss and will be dearly missed*

Lurline Jerry - October 30, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ *Sara Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Sara Purvis - October 30, 2017 at 06:41 PM

CI

“ *Sorry for your loss. My mother, Snow Padgett always spoke well of Mr. Walter.*

Cindy Padgett-Lugo

cindy - October 30, 2017 at 05:31 PM

RS

“ *I remember spending time with Walter at a family reunion at Big Springs. Long time ago. I am sorry for out loss. Ronnie Snipes- cousin- son of Eunice Irene Snipes.*

Ronnie Snipes - October 30, 2017 at 05:19 PM

LK

“ *Amazingly kind. Ferociously Gamecock. Always giving. Ever educating. Love everlasting.*

Laura Kelley - October 30, 2017 at 04:13 PM

RR

“ Dear Family it sadden me to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of him from my childhood. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Rosemary Saleeby Robertson - October 30, 2017 at 02:40 PM

RD

“ Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - October 30, 2017 at 12:38 PM

NP

“ Walter was a great friend, boss and mentor not only to me but so many throughout DSS. My condolences to all of his family. He is greatly missed. Nancy Purvis

Nancy Purvis - October 30, 2017 at 12:38 PM

PG

“ Phyllis Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Phyllis Griggs - October 30, 2017 at 12:05 PM

NM

“ Nancy & Vern Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Nancy & Vern Myers - October 30, 2017 at 10:36 AM

TG

“ The Hartsville Community Garden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



The Hartsville Community Garden - October 30, 2017 at 10:35 AM

RM

“ Rachel Adams Medlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Rachel Adams Medlin - October 30, 2017 at 09:34 AM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



carol bryant - October 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM

CB

Belinda: Prayers for you and your girls. Love, Carol

carol bryant - October 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM

RE

“ *Rosetta 'Trice' Edwards-Ham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Rosetta 'Trice' Edwards-Ham - October 30, 2017 at 09:23 AM

AS

“ *ANGELA B SHAW lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



ANGELA B SHAW - October 30, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JD

“ *Janice Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Janice Davis - October 30, 2017 at 07:47 AM

KO

“ *Kelli Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Kelli Odom - October 30, 2017 at 07:45 AM

JL

“ *Johnny Lawing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Johnny Lawing - October 30, 2017 at 07:41 AM

AR

“ *Angie Raines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.*



Angie Raines - October 29, 2017 at 11:48 PM

JB

“ *Belinda and Ashley. Prayers for you and the family.*

Janelle Britt - October 29, 2017 at 09:15 PM

MW

“ Mike Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Mike Walters - October 29, 2017 at 06:25 PM

BC

“ Many memories from long ago of Walter. Lots of high school fun & even mischief. Sounds like he lived a good life.

Bill Crouch - October 29, 2017 at 06:12 PM

RM

“ "Good man, good friend." Rusty Matthews

Rusty Matthews - October 29, 2017 at 05:12 PM

JG

“ Jimmy&Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Jimmy&Judy Gainey - October 29, 2017 at 03:50 PM

DC

“ My thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with Walt's family,

Dianne Chinnes - October 29, 2017 at 02:09 PM

PF

“ Our condolences to Mr Walter's family from David's Flower Shop. He was a great man who had patience and understanding. God Bless. 🙏🙏



Patricia Frye (Gainey) at David's Flowe - October 29, 2017 at 10:56 AM

RK

“ Richard And Sue Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Richard and Sue Kelley - October 29, 2017 at 09:42 AM

RK

Belinda and family we are sorry for your loss. Have you in our prayers.

Richard and Sue Kelley - October 29, 2017 at 09:44 AM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Boyd Copeland Jr.



Charles and Lavonde Smith - October 29, 2017 at 08:45 AM

SA

So sorry for your loss. My love and prayers with you!

Sandy Auten - October 29, 2017 at 12:31 PM

GW

“ *Best Boss ever. Always saw potential in everyone. At DSS, we learned daily valuable lessons from him. My condolences to his family. Please know that we loved him too. Gloria Washington*

Gloria Washington - October 29, 2017 at 07:41 AM

GB

“ *Deep sympathy to the family of Mr. Copeland. I enjoyed working with him at the Department of Social Services. May God Bless You!*
Gerald



Gerald Brock - October 29, 2017 at 07:30 AM