



Ray Friebman Copeland

December 9, 1934 - October 27, 2020

Ray Friebman Copeland, age 85, of Buford, GA passed away October 27, 2020. He was preceded in death by his father, Elzy C. Copeland; mother, Annie Pearl Sherwood Copeland; siblings, Elzy (Jack) C. Copeland, Jr., Annie Louise Copeland Eubanks; son, Kenneth Copeland; grandson, Nathan Klimek. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia Ann Jordan Copeland, Buford, GA; Carl G. Copeland, Norma Copeland Salmon, Thomas B. Copeland; grandchildren, Kara Klimek, Audrey Klimek, Samantha Copeland. Mr. Copeland was born on December 9, 1934 in Converse, LA. A Celebration of Life service will be held on November 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church in Buford, GA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Community Church, 3589 Carter Rd, Buford, GA 30518 or to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St, Ste 800, Miami, FL 33131 in memory of Ray Copeland.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Church

3589 Carter Rd

Buford

Buford, GA 30518

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Friebman Copeland*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Many, many memories were made with this man...his family...and all of our friends. He took me under his wing when I came on board the school house at Lowry and we co-chaired many conferences together at AFTAC HQ or out at the Lab. Sent each other to the grog bowl at a Dining In or two. Evenings in the Chief's Quarters whenever/wherever we were TDY together...swapping lies and leaving the hillside covered with the blood of all the elk and deer we took...in fact...or imagined. We ran many miles together on the beach at Patrick and along the avenues at Lowry. Dinners together at our homes...and getting kicked out of a California restaurant on Mother's Day 1983...with another 99 friend who shall remain nameless now...but was with Ray at 313.*

I still have a couple of his old Det hats he presented to me back in the day.

He was the best man at my wedding and a mentor in so many things... I will never forget him and I am profoundly grateful for his influence in my life...even now...39 years later. Love you, Ray!!

He was a Chief in every meaning of the word!

Larry Massie May 2, 2022 12:51 PM

Larry Massie - May 02, 2022 at 02:57 PM

JA

“ JAEANNE lit a candle in memory of Ray
Friebman Copeland



JAEANNE - October 29, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album DET 313



Larry Olson - October 28, 2020 at 05:22 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Larry Olson - October 28, 2020 at 05:20 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the family.
I remember Chief Ray Copeland as the person who forgave a
young two-stripper who chased him out of the operations room
during daily calibrations. Thanks to his strong fist with a satin glove,
I was able to go on and enjoy a lengthy career serving my country in
the best unit in the world, AFTAC! Thank you Chief!

Dennis Hackner - October 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

JH

“ *I often worked with Ray and he was congenial and knowledgeable.
Condolences to the family.* ”

John Horsch - October 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM