



## Pastor Tim Copeland

January 2, 1954 - May 13, 2023

Pastor Timothy Lee Copeland, 69, of Buford, GA passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023 in Braselton, GA.

His funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of God in Buford, GA. Prior to that, his viewing will be held the same day from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Church of Buford. Burial will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Buford, GA. with Bishop Gilbert Pearson and Bishop Joel Holmes officiating.

Arrangements are by Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, GA. Tim was born in Vidor, TX to Garland and Elizabeth Copeland on January 2, 1954. He attended school in Vidor and immediately after graduation, he began evangelizing full-time. He traveled as an evangelist for 10 years, and then he met and married Kathy Flanders on June 19th, 1982 in Beaumont, TX. After their marriage, they traveled together for 11 more years. In November of 1993, they accepted the pastorate of Buford First Pentecostal Church. Tim was the full-time pastor of this church for 26 years, until his illness forced him to retire. Tim was a member of the Worldwide Pentecostal Fellowship. Tim was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a friend to all. He was kind, generous, compassionate, hard-working, humorous, and prayerful. He was an anointed preacher and gifted teacher. He was loved by all who knew him. Most of all, he was a child of God. He will be sorely missed. Tim is preceded in death by his parents, Garland and Elizabeth Copeland. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Copeland; sons, Timothy Jordan (Chaney) Copeland, Caleb Garland

(Sarah) Copeland, Benjamin Vaughn Copeland, and Samuel Clark (Bryanne) Copeland; grandsons, Atlas, Cyrus, and Titus Copeland; sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Rev. Steve McMullen; Brothers and Sisters-in-law, Ronnie and Barbara Copeland, Marvin and Mozelle Copeland; sister, Teresa Cardwell; and a host of nieces and nephews and other loved ones.

# Previous Events

## Lie In State

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM.

First Pentecostal Church of Buford

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

Buford Church of God  
4800 South Lee St  
Buford, GA 30518  
[jeflanigan@flaniganfuneralhome.com](mailto:jeflanigan@flaniganfuneralhome.com)

## Graveside Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
Little Mill Rd  
Buford, GA

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Love, love, love the Copelands! Praying for you all!

Kendra Purtell - May 21, 2023 at 01:49 AM

PB

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of this great man of God. He was preaching us a revival in Pine,La Judy 28,1978 when my brother passed away. He sang Touching Jesus. He was a great man of God. I am blessed to have met. Every message he preached at our church through the years was awesome. Prayers for the family.

Paul and Ruth Bailey - May 18, 2023 at 07:21 PM

MG

It was a joy to know incredible Tim Copeland. It was also an honor to become his friend. I join a host of people who mourn his passing. My prayers are with his wonderful family. I salute this wonderful man of God and his remarkable work in the vineyard of our Lord.

mark grisham - May 19, 2023 at 09:10 PM

MT

As a younger girl, I remember him preaching revivals in Fontana/Bloomington, California at the late Darnell Fletcher's church. He played piano, and Sis. Kathy played violin. I'll never forget the song he sang, "Mercy Rewrote My Life."

Monet Torres - June 13, 2023 at 03:57 PM

MD

I remember Tim preaching in Silsbee Rev CM Duplissey. He also sang with the End Time Voices.I 'm sure he will be missed.

Mark Denard - November 11, 2025 at 08:01 PM

JT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Joseph Gibson, Vidor, TX** - May 18, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JM

*I'm so sad to learn he passed away . One of my favs preachers. All way from los angeles. Truly blessed by his preaching*

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**james magana** - August 20, 2023 at 09:42 PM

PT

“ *What a tremendous loss to the Apostolic movement! Bishop Copeland was a tremendous preacher, evangelist, soul-winner, prayer-warrior...but he was a “Christian First”. As a child I fondly remember he and his dear wife and their involvement in the early days of Faith Tabernacle in Vidor. I first heard the song “When God Unfolds The Rose” when he sang it at our church in the late 90s. I remember two messages that deeply impacted me. “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” and “It’s Beyond Me”. Those came at critical times in my life. Our prayers are with Sis. Copeland and the Copeland Boys and their families, as well as the rest of the Copeland/Cardwell/McMullen families.*

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**Pastor Joseph Gibson, Vidor TX** - May 17, 2023 at 04:10 PM

HA

“ *Hannah Allen lit a candle in memory of Tim Copeland*



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**Hannah Allen** - May 17, 2023 at 10:42 AM

HA

“ *Bishop Copeland was an amazing man of God. The first encounter I had with him was when I was in the midst of prayer and received a call from him inviting me to come to night service and to pray with him in his office. That night forever impacted my life and lit a fire in my belly for the word of God. I was baptized in Jesus name and am forever changed! He had a great impact on my husband's life as well which is how I was introduced to him and this church that I now call home. He was like a father to my husband, Alfie, and his sons are as close to him as brothers. I've heard so many beautiful stories and testimonies of how he changed the lives of so many people. My condolences are with his family. We love you and are so grateful to be a part of what you are doing for God's kingdom. Bless you.*

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**Hannah Allen** - May 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JB

“ *Rev. Timothy Copeland was preaching a revival in Fresno, CA at Truth Tabernacle in January of 1992 when I was only 16 yrs old and I gave my life to the Lord in baptism In Jesus Name and received the Holy Ghost!! I truly Thank God for this wonderful man of God and His ministry!!! To all the Copeland Family you are in my Prayers and thoughts!! May God give you the peace that passeth all understanding!*

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**Jenniffer Briseno** - May 16, 2023 at 12:23 AM

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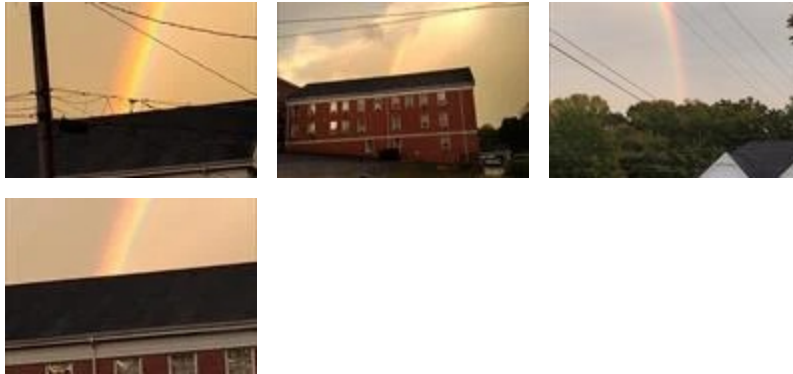
“ Rev. Tim Copeland was my pastor far as long as I can remember he was the word of God I miss him so much after I went to Oklahoma and now that I am back he has not been there for awhile now but he will always be my pastor he was loved buy so many I know mowmow us smiling Down having him back with all that has pasted

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**Deborah Floyd** - May 15, 2023 at 10:12 AM

MR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Mr.jack** - May 14, 2023 at 03:20 PM

CA

“ Although I never personally knew Elder Tim Copeland, his ministry had such an impact on my life. I will never forget the first time Elder Copeland came to my home church and preached about “Christians First”. That message that night has forever impacted my life. Another amazing message was “The Most Besetting Sin of Pentecost”. To Elder Copeland’s family, y’all are in my prayers.

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**Caleb Avery** - May 14, 2023 at 07:52 AM

JM

*So precious!!*

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**Jessica Mendoza** - May 19, 2023 at 06:53 PM