

Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland

August 29, 1934 - April 11, 2024

Bro. Donald (Don) Earl Copeland, 89, of Rusk passed away April 11, 2024 at his home in Rusk, surrounded by his loving family. Bro. Don was born August 29, 1934 in Conroe, TX to James Hiram Copeland and Carrie Lee Monroe Copeland. He married Fayne Alexander May 26, 1956 at Salem Baptist Church in the Salem Community. Bro. Don followed his call to be a minister, pastoring at New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church in Center, TX, Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church, and Salem Missionary Baptist Church, but has always felt called to minister to the sick at local hospitals. Bro. Don has done many things throughout his life while ministering, he drove a school bus for a little while, he coached his daughter, Patricia's softball team, and he and his wife owned Don's Meat Market on North Main Street in Rusk, where he was referred to as "The Weennie Man" by the kids that he would hand out a sample hot dog to. Pastor Don loved to work with his hands and had a woodshop at the house where he liked to make various furniture, shelves and cabinets for the house. He kept a tally of how many weddings and funerals he had performed, 1679 funerals and 571 weddings. He always had a great sense of humor and if you didn't realize that he had walked up behind you, he might just tickle your neck with the ribbon on his bible.

Bro. Don is survived by his wife, Fayne Copeland of Rusk; daughters: Patricia McCarty and husband James of Alto, Melony Branham and husband Jerry of

Rusk; son: Rickey Copeland and wife Lana of Katy, TX; grandchildren: Brandon Copeland and wife Dani of Katy, Trenton Copeland of Ft Worth, TX, Jami Hicks and husband Brian of Rusk, Ashley Johnson of Rusk, Shannon Johnson and husband Bryan of Rusk, Kane McCarty of Mt. Enterprise; numerous great and great great grandchildren; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Bro. Don is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; four sisters; and grandson: Stephen Branham.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, 205 CR 1718, Rusk, TX 75785, with Pastor Brad Turlington officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakland Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Brandon Copeland, Trenton Copeland, Brian Hicks, Dyllan Wood, Roland Johnson, Kody Stanley. Honorary Pallbearer will be Bryan Johnson. Visitation will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church. Flowers are permitted or memorials may be made to the Harmony Missionary Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 8, Rusk, TX 75785.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Oakland Missionary Baptist Church
205 County Road 1718
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-4845

Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Joe and Therese Highnote planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

Joe and Therese Highnote - April 12, 2024 at 08:24 PM

JH

“ Joe and Therese Highnote purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



Joe and Therese Highnote - April 12, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TF

“ The Potts Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



The Potts Family - April 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

TF

“ The Potts Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

The Potts Family - April 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

DJ

“ Donnie & Lisa wilcox jr purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



Donnie & Lisa wilcox jr - April 12, 2024 at 03:50 PM

DJ

“ Donnie & Lisa wilcox jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

Donnie & Lisa wilcox jr - April 12, 2024 at 03:50 PM

BP

“ Britt and Andrea Patterson purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



Britt and Andrea Patterson - April 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM

DO

“ David and Cheryl O'Neal purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



David and Cheryl O'Neal - April 12, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



April 12, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ The family of Rodney and Tracie Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

The family of Rodney and Tracie Collins - April 12, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ Donna Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Donald Copeland



Donna Mitchell - April 12, 2024 at 02:22 AM



“ Bobby & Mary Sanders family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

Bobby & Mary Sanders family - April 11, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



April 11, 2024 at 10:55 PM

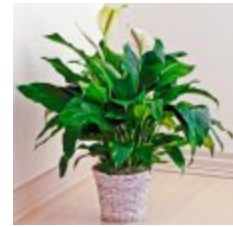


“ Phillip and Lindy Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

Phillip and Lindy Watson - April 11, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.



April 11, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ Kent & Tonya Stanley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.

Kent & Tonya Stanley - April 11, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.*



April 11, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *So saddened to hear of Uncle Don's passing. Hugs and kisses to family. Love, Larry and Pamela Copeland*

Larry Copeland - April 11, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *From the Crowder Cousins purchased the Laven der & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bro. Donald (Don) Copeland.*



From the Crowder Cousins - April 11, 2024 at 06:16 PM