

In Loving Memory of
Herbert Lester Copeland, Sr.

Sunrise
October 10, 1948

Sunset
June 18, 2013



Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

PHILEMON BAPTIST CHURCH

246 Shepherd Avenue • Newark, NJ

Rev. Ronald Allen, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Celebrating the life of

Herbert L. Copeland Sr.

10/10/1948 - 06/18/2013



From your Son to your Father

Reflections of Life

Herbert Lester Copeland Sr. entered into eternal rest on June 18, 2013. He was born, the last of 9 children, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Marjorie Copeland. He was affectionately known as “Herbie” to all that loved him.

Herbie was reared in Newark Public Schools along side of his brothers and sisters. Throughout the early 1960’s, Herbie played the cymbals with 2 marching bands, St. Lucy’s Drum and Bugle Corp and the Masonic Blades. He graduated from Essex County Vocational and Technical School of Newark, N.J. in 1967. Under Mayor Kenneth Gibson of Newark, N.J., Herbie was employed as an electrical inspector for several years. In September, 1974, Herbie gained employment as an electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He was a successful and respected electrician of Local #164 (formerly Local #52) until his retirement in June, 2003.

Ever the entrepreneur, Herbie owned and operated several successful businesses. As children, all his nieces and nephews delighted in “Uncle Herbie’s” candy store, “The Bus Stop” on the corner of South 14th St. and 9th Avenue in Newark, NJ. He also, maintained a

successful business with Copeland Contractors for over 10 years. He even briefly ventured into a soul food restaurant partnership in Plainfield, N.J. Herbie was also a member of the International Masons with the Messiah Temple Lodge #117 since 1994.

Herbie married Judith (Baldwin) Copeland in September 1973 and to this union a son, Herbert Lester Copeland II was born in 1974. Herbert II, affectionately known as Les, was adored by his dad and the two were inseparable from the start.

Herbert is survived by a son, Herbert Lester Copeland II (Les) of Plainfield, N.J., 2 sisters, Helen and Marjorie Copeland of Newark, N.J., 3 brothers, William Copeland and wife Betty of Owings Mills, MD, Edward Copeland Jr. of East Orange, N.J., Donald Copeland Sr. of Newark, N.J., a special niece, Kim Copeland-Muhammad of Newark, N.J. and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Herbie was preceded in death by his father, Edward Stanley Copeland Sr, his mother, Marjorie Gertrude (Harrison) Copeland and 3 brothers, Junius Thomas Copeland, Marvin Henry Copeland, and Leonard Steven Copeland.

Herbie was a colorful and loving man who loved his family and would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He will surely be missed!

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Emory Lee

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Dorothy Copeland

Prayer of Comfort

Tia Copeland-Hogan

Soloist

Donia J. Turner- "*Lord's Prayer*"

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Karen Copeland

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary

Soloist

Donia J. Turner

Message

Rev. Ronald Allen

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Pall bearers

Marvin Copeland Jr.	Michael Copeland
Donald Copeland Jr.	Khani Copeland
Hassan Muhammad	Joseph Slan

Flower handlers

Asia Copeland	A'Kiery Lambert
Amirah Muhammad	

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You,
Whatever the part.

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