



Jimmy Ray "Jim" Copeland

July 29, 1938 - January 4, 2024

Jimmy Ray "Jim" Copeland, 85, passed away peacefully on January 4th, 2024, at his residence in Ellisville, Mississippi.

He was born on July 29, 1938, in Laurel, Mississippi. Jim worked at Lane Moak Pontiac in Jackson, Mississippi for several years but for most of his life he was a resident of Jones County where he also worked in the accounting office of Martin Motor Company in Laurel. Jim was also a business owner in Laurel for many years as he and his wife Ruby owned and operated a local shop called 'The Hobby Hut' where they sold art and craft supplies as well as a variety of hobby related products for all ages. Jim was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Ellisville.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Ruby Dale Ruffin Copeland; mother, Ludie Maria Price Copeland; and father, James Junious Copeland.

Jim is survived by three nieces, Emily Hughes (Roger), Connie Williams (Terry) and Tonya Parish (Scott); three nephews, Terry Herrington (Lynn), Kevin Herrington (Jan) and Kyle Ruffin (Katie); and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews. Caregivers were Lillie Gavin, Ann Campbell, and Clintora Johnson.

A funeral service will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel on Monday, January 8th, with family visitation beginning at 12:30 p.m., public visitation at 1:00 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in Our Home Cemetery in Ellisville. Dr. Greg Spencer and Rev. Robert Fennell will officiate. Pallbearers will be Benji Cooley, Kevin Herrington, Michael Keene, Kelton Keene, Rusty McDonald and Scott Parish.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Our Home Universalist Cemetery

2134 Hwy 29 S
Ellisville, MS 39437

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy Ray was my husband’s best friend, Raymond “Lawree” Montgomery. They were as close as brothers even though Ruby and Jim were in Laurel and we were in Jackson. They never missed a week talking at least once and what discussions they had! Sadly, those long talks and visits with us ended a few years ago because of Lawree’s dementia. I know Jim must have missed him very much. Ruby and Jim talked about you wonderful nieces and nephews often and loved you very much. What a blessing you have been to them. Ray and I cannot attend the service; I’m just a few days post op knee replacement. You are in our prayers. Linda Montgomery, Lawree’s wife and friend also to Ruby and Jim.

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