



Ted Copeland

December 15, 1936 - January 19, 2013

Ted Lee Copeland of Tulsa, Oklahoma (formerly of Gravelly, Arkansas) went to be with his Lord and Savior, Saturday, January 19, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ted was born to Willie Monroe Copeland and Syble (Kitchens) Copeland in Gravelly, Arkansas. Ted was 76 years, 1 month and 4 days old. Ted graduated from Fourche Valley High School in 1953. He was only 16 years old when he went to Tulsa, Oklahoma to begin his adult life of working in public service. He was drafted into the Armed Service and served his country proudly for three years. In later years, Ted's love, his hobby and his passion was that for the piano. He enjoyed and had a talent for tuning the piano as well refurbish them. Ted also gave many students private piano lessons throughout the years. Some of his favorite piano memories were that of sitting with Floyd Kramer and playing together. It's been said that Ted could make that Ivory sing. Ted leaves behind to cherish his memory, two sisters, Dorthy Putman and Peggy Buckles both of Waldron, Arkansas, and one brother, Fred D. Copeland and wife Ann of Waldron, Arkansas. Ted is also survived by three step sons, Tommy Bryan, Curt Bryan, and Robbie Bryan all of Oklahmoa. Ted will be missed by all that knew him and the many who's lives were impacted by him including nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends and loved ones. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Syble (Kitchens) Copeland, one brother and sister in law, Dalbert Copeland and Suzie Copeland. Ted's life celebration will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January, 22 2013 at the Mulberry Freewill Baptist Church in Gravelly,

Arkansas with Brother Lacey Minnie, officiating. Interment will follow in Parks Cemetery in Nola, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas. Ted's visitation will be Monday, January 21, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am so saddened to learn of Mr. Copeland's death. What a treasure he was. I so enjoyed talking with him and was looking forward to many more piano tunings. Tulsa lost a gem. Rest in peace, Mr. Copeland. My condolences to the family.

Janice Murray

Janice Murray - September 28, 2013 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ Ted kept our piano in tune here at Mark Twain Elementary and also tuned my Aunt's home piano. It was such a joy to be able to sit and talk with him. He was such a kind man and took time to talk to my daughter and grandchildren every time he came. He will be missed greatly. Heaven has opened it's arms to a wonderful man.

Diana Baker - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Tulsa Public Schools will really miss Ted.He was such a kind man. He was always willing to do whatever I needed and whenever I needed it done. He was pleasant,extremely competent, and a pleasure to know as a person. I am also saddened by this loss.

Patti Duncan - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Copeland. I visited with him on many occasions when he came to tune my pianos. Such a happy,nice man. I will miss him and think of him often when I'm sitting at my piano here at school. I'm sure he's got an awesome piano to play in Heaven!!!!

Veda Williamson - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I just wanted to say how much I appreciated Mr. Copeland all the years that he came and tuned our pianos at Remington Elementary, and also Celia Clinton Elementary. He was always so gracious and kind. When I would call, he would always assure me that he would get out here as soon as possible. I would hear him play and it was beautiful. He always quietly and patiently did his work. It really saddens me that the district has lost him. I was very pleased to see that he went to be with his "Lord and Savior". Ted definitely acted like someone who knew the Lord. What a wonderful man. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Jo Lynn Sanders - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Copeland Family. Teddy was a great friend and inspiration for me as a piano player and for my love of basketball when I use to visit the Copelands. He was my neighbor for all those early years. God Bless

Roy Cost - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of the family. Teddy Copeland made the most beautiful piano music on earth.

Evelyn and Dub Smalling - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Peggy & Family - We just wanted to tell you we are thinking of you at this time and extend our deepest sympathy and love.

Carolyn & Michael Hanna - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Peggy,Dorothy and Fred our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family on the loss of your dear Brother..We know how proud and how much you loved him and along with so many others how much He is going to be missed. Peggy the times He came to Church with you and played the piano will be cherished always....

Your Friends:

Bill,Carolyn,Caleb,Stephen,Cheyenne and Markus

Bill and Carolyn Needham - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our condolences to the Copeland family.

JB and Margaret Wagner - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Peggy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Alla Merle Doyel - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.

Clyde and Martha Simmons - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM