



## Mr Robert Copeland

September 11, 2017

Robert S. Copeland

Robert Steven (Rob) Copeland, 59, of Fairhope, AL, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, IL, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017 at home following a very courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 5, 1957 in Decatur, IL, the son of Robert and Carole (Marshall) Copeland. He married Deborah Bruketa in Mt. Pulaski, IL on August 23, 1981, they later divorced. Rob later married Brenda (Paulsen) Rippon on August 5, 1989 in Mt. Pulaski, IL. Rob graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1975. He attended Lincoln Land Community College for two years and then attended Western Illinois University where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration. He was employed as a Lincoln Police Officer from 1979-1983. He then began his career as an Illinois State Police Trooper in October 1983. While working for the Illinois State Police he promoted through the ranks of Sergeant, Master Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Following his career in law enforcement Mr. Copeland began a career in real estate with ME Realty in Lincoln, IL before relocating to Fairhope, AL in 2001. Rob's real estate career included working with Dauphin Realty, Ole Bay Management, and then went on to own and operate Rob Copeland Property Management for the past 10 years in Fairhope, AL.

Rob had a great love for music and was a very talented drummer and participated in the Mt. Pulaski Clown and Vinegar Hill Brass Bands. He was an

avid Chicago Cubs fan and rejoiced in their 2016 World Series Win! Rob also enjoyed watching Alabama football. He was a long time Mason associated with Lincoln Masonic Lodge 210.

Rob is survived by his wife Brenda of Fairhope, AL, daughters Abigail Ingram (Brian) of Lincoln, IL and Sara Copeland of Fairhope, AL, step-son Thomas "Ryan" Rippon of Loxley, AL, granddaughter Ava Copeland-Hill of Fairhope, AL, sisters Susan Kane (Jim) of Glenarm, IL and Catherine "Cathy" Walcott (Kent) of Keizer, OR, and aunt Doris McKinley (Richard) of Decatur, IL, as well several nieces and nephews, and a very special life-long friend Danny Ayers of Mt. Pulaski, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother William T. (Billy) Copeland.

Following Rob's wishes the family will be having Celebrations of Life on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 4 – 6 p.m. at 7472 Parker Road, Fairhope, AL in the Ashurst & Niemeyer Real Estate office and Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. . in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church in Mt. Pulaski, IL.

Memorials may be made to the family or to the cause of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Cason Funeral Service in Foley AL

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# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Sending my thoughts, prayers and sympathy to Brenda and family. Rob was a fellow classmate and good friend in high school. We had some great times at MPHS! May he rest in peace. Patty Jason

Patty Jason - October 28, 2017 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rob for nearly 6 years on many different projects through his property management company. I will always remember Rob as a strong and fair man. I greatly enjoyed his company, whether we were delving into the technologies of a new receipt scanner or a current project we were working on together. He always intrigued me. I will miss him dearly.

Jeremy Ross - October 03, 2017 at 11:01 PM

JB

“ We give our condolences and sympathies to the whole family of Robbie. He was one of the nicest cousins and people to be around in the past, when he used to live in his home town of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. God will take care of him now with no more pain and suffering of this terrible disease. God speed old friend!!

John Buckles - September 21, 2017 at 08:18 AM

Mike  
Beth

“ Rob and I met through chance, when we were assigned rooms across the hall from each other in Higgins Hall, at Western Illinois University. Little did I know, that we not only were to become good friends, but also fraternity brothers...Go Lambda Chi Alpha!...and lifelong friends. Rob was also the best man for me when I got married. I can honestly say, that Rob was my best (male) friend...sorry Rob, my wife Kathy is my best forever friend. I'm just glad that you were there to share that day with us. Although time and miles separated us physically, we always had that connection. I will forever miss you...my friend...my brother. Till we see each other again.

Yours in ZAX,  
Mike Beth

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**Mike Beth** - September 20, 2017 at 10:16 PM

Paige  
Reynolds

“ I simply want to express my condolences to surviving family members and friends. I know a few, from high school so many decades ago. Peace be with you. Paige Reynolds



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**Paige Reynolds** - September 20, 2017 at 10:07 PM

GT

“ I had the pleasure of working with rob for many years at State Police. He was a hard worker and very good at any job he took on. I'm glad I got to meet him once in Fair Hope.

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**Gary Totten** - September 20, 2017 at 06:59 PM