

James Hollis “Jim” Copeland Obt.

b. 14 January 1938, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN – d. 23 September 2020, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 27th of July 1957, Putnam Co., TN to **Margie (Smith) Copeland**. James Hollis “Jim” Copeland, s/o **Hollis Hall Copeland** (1909-1985) & **Ethylene Matheney** (1915-2003), both buried in Sand Springs Memorial Gardens, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN.

Jim Copeland, age 82 of Cookeville, passed away Wednesday morning September 23, 2020 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. He was born Friday January 14, 1938 in Monterey, TN to the late Hollis Hall and Ethylene Matheney Copeland.



Jim had a life-long passion for serving Christ through his gift of music. He led singing in revivals throughout the Upper Cumberland and supported many families during times of loss by singing at funerals.

Jim was a member and deacon at Stevens Street Baptist Church. He served in music ministry and was a Sunday School teacher at several local churches with the longest tenures at Sand Springs Baptist Church and West View Baptist Church.

Jim began working as a teenager at the Princess Theater in Cookeville. He spent over 40 years at Cumberland Container Corporation where he retired as Vice-President and General Manager. **He was also a former Putnam County Commissioner.**

As a pilot, Jim loved to fly, but also enjoyed taking road trips and was an avid reader. He treasured his grandkids and will be lovingly remembered as an eternal optimist.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margie Smith Copeland, (whom he married July 27, 1957 in Cookeville); two daughters, Annette (Ed) Swallows of Maryville, TN, Audrey (Tracy) Cody of Cookeville; sister, Elaine Burton of Algood; brother, Charles (Pat) Copeland of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Jason (Salinee) Copeland of Ashburn, VA, Jessica (Zach) Lynch of Maryville, Michael (Jen) Cody of Sevierville, TN, Samuel (Jaime) Cody of Algood; nine great grandchildren, Mathew, Cassandra, William, Andrew, Kaylee, Lincoln, Nathan, Elijah, and Oliver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Don and David Copeland.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Stevens Street Baptist Church with Pastors Scott Parkison, Lee Bailey, and Tim Frank officiating. Interment followed at Sand Springs Memorial Gardens.

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