

Albert Ruffin Copland

September 19, 1925 - February 25, 2015

Albert Ruffin Copland, 89, of Charles City passed away February 25, 2015. He was born and raised in Charles City County, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, and was the founder and longtime owner of Copland Trucking. The loving husband and father was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Harwood Copland, and a son, George Scott Copland. No acquaintance ever failed to become a friend; no friend ever wanted for his time, attention or help. His love of life was unequalled. His fun-loving nature was legendary; no person could be bored in his company. His family received the full benefit of his example, and also the blessing of his love, which was as out-sized as his humor.

Albert is survived by his beloved wife, Ann Major Copland; and his children, Albert Ruffin Copland, Jr. (Sandra), Gordon Harrison Copland, Wallace Harwood Copland (Tammy), and Margaret Copland Mountcastle (Bill); grandchildren, Scott Tyree Mountcastle, Abigail Elizabeth Copland, Christina Marie Copland, Malcolm Copland Mountcastle and Aaron Michael Copland; a sister, Mary C. Turner; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends Friday, February 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday at Westover Episcopal Church, 6401 John Tyler Memorial Hwy, Charles City, VA 23030. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heritage Public Library, P.O. Box 8, Providence Forge, VA 23140 or to Westover Episcopal Church, (address

above).

Tribute Wall



“ Remember your dad well. I had no idea he had passed prayers with you all see you soon

wayne greer - March 05, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert Ruffin Copland.



February 27, 2015 at 01:37 PM

JH

“ I can remember as a kid going to Copland Farm Equipment Co in Prov. Forge with my dad, and am sure this was the first I can remember Albert. He was on top of a school bus that was backed in the shop, working on lights or something. When Albert went to stand up, his head hit a rafter in the ceiling, and I do mean HIT it. This started a wreck that I am sure he thought would never end!! Albert hit probably every rafter from one end of that bus to the other (short busses back then) before he got control of the situation. He finally got down and after he cooled off started laughing. Albert was the only one that was laughing up until that time! (Wonder why?) Finally everyone joined in on the laugh but only because they knew the coast was clear!!!!

Albert was a gentle giant, but was also a force to be reckoned!!! He spoke his mind loud and clear! (I respect that) There was no doubt in your mind, as to the point he was making!

Albert would help anyone that deserved it, and probably some that didn't. He was a good, honest, knowledgeable, hard working man, that I am proud to say was a true friend! I will miss his stories, and miss his jokes, (endless supply) and also his input on anything you wanted to talk about. I respect him for the life he lived, and will truly miss him!

Albert.....I still have your business card in my rolodex when you became an entrepreneur!!!

I am keeping it handy just in case I need a war started or a battle finished or any of the other things that you were good at. Thanks for being a part of my life and friend.

KEEP-ON-TRUCKIN

Jim Hockaday - February 26, 2015 at 10:18 PM

CO

“ *Mr. Copland was a truly a bigger than life personality...he will never be forgotten because someone with his love of family, friends, even strangers will live on in the hearts and minds of anyone whose life he touched. May your memories give all of you comfort and please accept our condolences, prayers, and support in this time of sorrow.*
Michael - Sandy Corbin and Family

Corbin - February 26, 2015 at 01:36 PM

LK

“ *Laura Key lit a candle in memory of Albert Ruffin Copland*



Laura Key - February 26, 2015 at 09:08 AM

ML

“ *Albert will be sorely missed by Mark and Linda (Dr. O'Brien) we had one of his beautiful setter's (Sharlene) for 15 years, he was a one of kind. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Mark and Linda - February 26, 2015 at 07:34 AM

BB

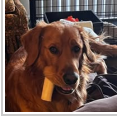
“ *I worked for Albert (I was his first female driver) and no matter what time of day, he was always a ray of Sunshine and always wanted his hug. I'll truly miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Copland Family.*

Bob and Cindy Blanks - February 25, 2015 at 11:44 PM

BB

Albert was a great guy -- the obit really has it right. He always had a twinkle in his eye and was ready with an amusing story. (Some of which I recall!!) He never seemed like he had a bad day. It was a pleasure to be in his company. My condolences to his family and friends.

Brad Butterworth - February 27, 2015 at 04:50 PM



I am so sorry to hear about Al's passing! He was a great guy and such a character that he was unforgettable. My heart goes out to Anne and his kids, grandkids, and friends. When he came into Goldfingers, I knew I was in for at least one good laugh.

Carrie Conklin - March 03, 2015 at 10:30 AM