



## Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland

August 13, 1935 - September 17, 2016

Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland, 81, of Wapakoneta, died 6:40 a.m., Sat. Sept. 17, 2016, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born Aug. 13, 1935, in Lima, OH, the son of Dwight T. & Martha (Clem) Copeland, who preceded him in death. On Aug. 6, 1955, he married Barbara R. Seitz, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 children, Thomas A. (Sandra) Copeland, Jupiter, FL,

Debra M. Copeland, Cleveland, OH,

2 grandchildren, Kris (Nicole) Eber, Los Angeles, CA,

Tommy (Tracie) Copeland, Lake Worth, FL,

a great grandchild, Noah Eber,

3 sisters, Charlotte Fisher, Wapakoneta,

Jackie Ostrom, Springfield, VA,

Karen Copeland, Wapakoneta,

a sister-in-law, Marilyn Taylor,

a brother-in-law, Jack Seitz,

numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by a great grandson, Penn Copeland, and a brother, Lyle Copeland.

Mert was a brick mason by trade and owned and operated Copeland Construction. He also worked at Stinebaugh Construction and Tuttle

Construction. He was a member of St. Marks' Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta. A 1953 graduate of Blume High School, Mert was also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, Wapakoneta. He served as a Boy Scout leader, and as an advisor of the St. Mark's Lutheran League. His hobbies included dart ball, bowling, playing cards, archery, hunting, and fishing.

Services will be 12:30 p.m., Tues. Sept. 20, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Mark Bauer officiating. The family will receive friends 11:00 a.m., until time of the service, Tues. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Pearl St.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

## Service

SEP **20**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara, I recently read of the passing of Mert. Emily and I wish to express our sympathy in the loss of your husband. I have fond memories of the times we grew up together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*John and Emily Haynes  
Fairborn, Ohio*

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**John Haynes** - September 20, 2016 at 06:07 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss.

*Kay (Kinninger) Meier*

*The Colony, Tx.*

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**Kay Kinnnger Meier** - September 19, 2016 at 09:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland.



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September 19, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland.



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September 19, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland.



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September 19, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland.



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September 19, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin D. "Mert" Copeland.



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September 18, 2016 at 09:02 PM