

A Special Angel

Today I met an angel, unbeknown to me.
For he looked just like an ordinary man you see
He walked with a stride of confidence and grace
And when he spoke...Oh my goodness
You had to embrace
He fed the hungry souls with the words that he spoke
He led many to salvation
This made even old Satan choke
A friend, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a son, a brother
An uncle, a teacher; So many titles you wore
But when you became a Bishop...
Oh Wow! You really scored
The teachings, the healings, the encouragement that you gave
You even did your best to get poor sister Gloria saved!
Oh our Special Angel, I looked to see you today
Standing in the pulpit where you belong
As the choir sang your favorite song
Our hearts are heavy and long for you
To hear you speak even just one sentence
And oh yes, don't forget
"Waaaait A Minute"
We love you our Special Angel
You were definitely on of God's Best
And you've left us a riddle to see if we too
Can pass the test
So spread your wings our Special Angel and embrace
The freedom you've earned
For in our heart your love and memories will always be
For we know now in God's grace our Special Angel will
ALWAYS BE

Written By Evangelist Linda Johnson

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
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Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

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Interment

Ft. Jackson National Cemetery
Monday, August 5, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Pall Bearers

Richard J. Copeland	Emmanuel Spencer
Tyshaun Spencer	Marcus Raysor
Dorian Campbell	Warren Hill
Arryon Copeland	Terrence Ritter

Floral Bearers

Friends & Family

Repast

St. Paul Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

*The family has requested everyone to please allow the Dignitaries and Out of Town guest to be served first

A Special Thank You

The Family of the Late Bishop Dr. Richard A. Copeland extends their warmest and sincere appreciation for every act of kindness shown in our time bereavement. We would especially like to thank: Senior Bishop JC Watford and the Church of God In Christ, International; Dr. Charcey Priester and the St. Paul Baptist Church Family; everyone who came from near and far to be a part of this homegoing celebration.

The family would also like to send a special thank you to everyone who participated in the Thursday Night Joy Night. The names are too many to mention, but we are truly blessed by the pouring out of love received. In addition, we would like to send a special thanks to Reverend Dr. Marvin O'neal Hughes and Reverend Dr. Henry L. Edmonds, Jr. for taking the vision and running with it.

-The Copeland Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

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2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118
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Celebrating The Life Of *Bishop Dr. Richard A.* **COPELAND**

ALPHA: NOVEMBER 26, 1947 OMEGA: JULY 26, 2019



FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.

St. Paul Baptist Church
2259 Rowesville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

BISHOP DR. J.C. WATFORD, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

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Musical Prelude

Processional.....The Presiding Bishop
The General Board
The Board of Bishops
The Visiting Bishops
The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders
The Visiting Clergy
The Copeland Family

Call to Worship..... The Right Reverend Virgin Johnson, Jr.
Revelation Ministries, Inc.

Cutting of the ChainHis Eminence, the Most Reverend James C. Watford
National Senior Bishop & Chief Apostle
Church of God In Christ, International

The Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”Church & Congregation

The Invocation.....The Right Reverend Ernest McNear

The old Testament Scripture....Isaiah 41:10...The Right Reverend Jesse Gold
Executive Board Member

The New Testament Scripture....John 8:32...The Right Reverend James Mason
Solomon Temple International

Affirmation of Faith.....The Right Reverend Bishop Don Luke Robinson
Deputy Bishop

Special Acknowledgements.....The Right Reverend Clifton Knight, II
Executive Board Member

Selection.....First Lady Sarah Priester

Tributes (2 Minutes):
Mrs. Clarissa Muldrow-Silver Slippers/Smooth Steppers
Mr. Emmanuel Livingston– War Veterans Group
Reverend Dr. Henry L. Edmonds, Jr.– Sons & Daughters of the Gospel
Reverend Dr. Marvin O’neal Hughes– Sons & Daughters of the Gospel
Reverend Dr. Eleanor Vause– New Life Temple (Reciting “A Special Angel”)

Selection..... Combined Choir

National Tributes:
Mother Mary J. Lilly, General Supervisor of Women’s Department
The Right Reverend Darrell Thomas, General Assembly

Family Tributes:
Bishop’s Grandchildren/Gospel Tempations
Bishop’s Sisters
Bishop’s Daughters/Copeland Sisters

Resolutions, Condolences & Acknowledgment of International Churches
City of OrangeburgDr. Liz Zimmerman Keitt
Mayor Pro Tem

Order of Service "Continued"

Introduction of Presiding Bishop.....The Right Reverend Raymond Marion, Jr.
Assistant National Senior Bishop

Selection.....Elder Catina M. Rosemond
Daughter & National Recording Artist

The Eulogy.....His Eminence, the Most Reverend James C. Watford
National Senior Bishop & Chief Apostle
Church Of God In Christ, International

Prayer of Comfort

Committal & Benediction

Recessional

Precious Memories



The Obituary

Bishop Dr. Richard Allen Copeland was born in Ehrhardt, SC and was the son of the late Richard Harold Copeland and Helen Bamberg Copeland. He was a graduate of SC State University, Orangeburg, with a B.S. in Counseling and Psychology; 1985 graduate of the Full Gospel Bible College of Coatesville, PA, where he earned his Doctorate of Divinity in Theology; as well as earning a Doctorate of Religious Philosophy in Christian Education from the Overcoming School of Religion, Columbia, SC, and he did further Studies at Frances Marion University of SC; as well as Biblical Hebrew studies with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church (York, PA); Emmanuel COGIC (York, PA); founded Deliverance and Love Church (York, PA); pastored Holy Temple COCIC, Bamberg, SC and Greater Miracle Temple, Orangeburg, SC; and founded and pastored New Life Temple Outreach Ministries, Orangeburg, SC.

He was employed with the York, PA ambulatory service and was Counselor for School Districts in Florence and Orangeburg Counties.

He served his country honorably in the US Army during the Vietnam Era and was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Purple Heart.

Bishop Copeland was the Jurisdictional Bishop of the SC Jurisdiction for the Church of God In Christ International. He was also the founder and chancellor of the New Life Theological Seminary and the Williams -Clemon-Davis Bible College. He was pastor and founder of the New Life Temple Church of God in Christ International, Orangeburg, SC.

He traveled internationally, especially to the continent of Africa, where he established churches in Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia and Trinidad. He was a published author and writer of six books: “Blood On The Razor’s Edge”, “Whom Say Ye”, The Foolishness Of Preaching”, “Black Pentecostalism”, “Grow Up Saints”, and “The Measure Of God’s Love”.

Bishop Copeland is survived by his wife, Ruthel Parker Copeland, Orangeburg, SC; his daughters, Catina M. Rosemond, Raleigh, NC, Anseanee C. Williams (Quincy) of North, SC and Richelle A. Melvin (Donald) of Columbia, SC; sisters, Theresa Copeland of Philadelphia, PA, Lyndia (Kent) Ritter of Dover, PA and Pheobe Copeland of York, PA; grandchildren, Richard (Jimekque) Copeland, Tyshaun Spencer, Dorian Campbell, Arryon Copeland, Emmanuel Spencer, Achonte Smith, Remaliah Smith and Xander Melvin; sister-in-law, Paula Copeland; brother-in-law, Jessie Nimmons; Godson, Marcus Raysor of Columbia, SC; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.