

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path god laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now—He Set Me Free.

Interment

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery
Toledo, Ohio

Arrangements Entrusted to



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Acknowledgement

With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each of you. -THE FAMILY

A Service of Memory
Celebrating the Life of

Phil Copeland

Sunrise: May 16, 1945

Sunset: January 1, 2021



Funeral Service

Monday, January 11, 2021
9:00 a.m. Family Hour 10:00 a.m Service

The House of Day Funeral Service
2550 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43607

Dr. Cedric Brock, Pastor
Eulogist

The Obituary

On January 1st 2021, Toledo, Ohio lost it's biggest advocate and enthusiast when Phillip D. Copeland went home to be with the Lord.

Phillip was born on May 16, 1945 to Roy Copeland and Bertha Mae Thomas-Copeland. A lifelong resident of Toledo, Phillip was the youngest of four siblings, and grew up surrounded by an extended family.

Although things were not always easy, Phillip overcame many obstacles and strove daily to create a better life for his family.

Anyone who knew Phillip, knew he was greatly passionate about three things: family, public service, and Toledo. He combined these passions during his 40+ years at the Toledo Local 500 Laborers Union - first as a laborer, then as secretary treasurer, and finally as business manager, working to create jobs and opportunities for his fellow Toledoans.

Phillip joined the Democratic Party at the age of 18, and spent his years supporting Democratic candidates and associations. Following his dreams and his Uncle Will's footsteps, he entered politics and was elected to Toledo City Council in 2005, serving until 2012 when he was elected County Recorder. He served in that role up until his passing, winning his final election in November 2020.

Throughout his life, Phil's love of public service led him to work with and serve on many associations, boards, and committees. While his involvements were too numerous to list in their entirety, some highlights over the years include: NAACP (member), AFLCIO (member), the Young African American Democratic Caucus (founder), African American Men's Democratic Caucus (president), Lucas County Democratic Executive Board (board member), and Lucas County Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (board member).

Social by nature, Phillip made fast friends everywhere he went. He was known for his commitment to his friends and helping others. He regularly contributed his time and resources to various charities, both locally and nationally.

A long time member and ardent supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous, Phillip spent many years of his life supporting and being supported by the group, and his story of recovery inspired countless others.

A few of Phillip's favorite things were, history, travel, politics, and big family meals. A life long lover of sports, he has many softball trophies from his earlier years. Eager to stay active, he became a long time member of the YMCA, and was named YMCA Member of the Month in December 2020.

However, Phillip's greatest joy was being surrounded by family, and he relished every opportunity to attend and host gatherings, and took an active role in planning get-togethers and reunions.

A member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and devout Christian, he was always the first to tell others that all of his success and accomplishments were through the grace of God.

He is preceded in death by his parents Roy Copeland and Bertha Mae Thomas-Copeland, his Uncle Will Copeland, and brothers Ronald Copeland and Gordon Copeland.

He is survived by his sister Sandra Robinson, beloved cousin Phyllis Gilmer, his children Leniece Fuqua, Sarah Copeland, Ashley Deutschle (Kurt Deutschle), Jon Delvaux, his two grandchildren, and a host of beloved family and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	
Processional.....	
Musical Selection.....	
Prayer & Scripture.....	Pastor Cedric Brock
Acknowledgment of Condolences and Obituary.....	
Remarks.....	2 minutes, please.....
Musical Selection.....	
Eulogy.....	Pastor Cedric Brock
Recessional.....	
Organ Postlude.....	