



Henry "Jake" Copeland

January 16, 2014

Henry "Jake" Copeland, 89, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, peacefully in his sleep at his home. He was born April 17, 1924, in McClure, Ill., one of ten children to the late Charles and Mary Simpkins Copeland. He was preceded in death by all nine siblings. Mr. Copeland served in the U.S. Army in World War II and is a veteran of the Korean War. He and Oma C. Eudy were united in marriage Nov. 9, 1945, in McClure. Together they had five children. She passed away March 28, 1998. Jake worked as a chef for St. Vincent's College in Cape Girardeau for 35 years. He always enjoyed his relationship with the priests and the many students who attended the college over the years. After retirement, he enjoyed fishing with his sons, gardening, participating in shooting matches at the Elks Lodge, playing cards with his friends and cracking pecans for Christmas presents for his daughter and other family and friends. He was a longtime member of VFW Post 3838 in Cape Girardeau. Jake has crossed the "Rainbow Bridge" and joined his beloved wife, Oma, in heaven. Survivors include daughter, Donna Smith of Jefferson City, Mo.; sons, Donald Joe (Pat) Copeland of Cape Girardeau, David (Diana) Copeland of Chaffee, Mo., and Danny (Juanita) Copeland of Jackson; grandchildren, Chris Thompson of Columbia, Mo., Trisha Copeland of Cape Girardeau, Michelle (Bobby) Lands of Chaffee, Jeremy (Christie) Copeland of Chaffee, Davy Copeland of Chaffee, Bryan (Tara) Copeland of Omaha, Neb., Jason (Carmen) Copeland of Cape Girardeau, Christina Copeland of Chaffee and Amanda Copeland of Chaffee; and great-grandchildren, Mackenzie

Thompson, Alena Copeland, Logan Lands, James Lands, Tyler Copeland, Bobby Ray Lands, Austin Copeland, Dawson Copeland, Wyatt Copeland and Skylar Copeland. He was preceded in death by his son, Dale Henry Copeland; wife; parents; seven brothers; two sisters; and two great-grandchildren. Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at Ford and Sons Sprigg Street Chapel in Cape Girardeau. The funeral service will be at noon Monday at the funeral chapel, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery in McClure, with full military honors by VFW Post 3838, VFW Post 3455 and the Illinois National Guard. Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, Donna, David, Danny: I am sorry to hear of your dads passing. I can remember seeing him many times driving his 72 Chevy truck coming in from work. It is not easy losing a parent and you all have my sympathy. I have a lot of good memories of the "Water Street" days and of all you guys too. With Deepest Sympathy, Lyndel Revelle

Lyndel Revelle - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to read of passing of your dad...he was always so sweet when he came to the office...always had a funny comment for us...and he didn't miss a chance to tell us how much you did for him...know you will miss him a lot...Jo Rodgers

Jo Rodgers - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Jake's passing. It is so hard to lose a parent, so my heart and thoughts are with you today, Donna, Joe, David and Danny. I know that you probably don't remember me, but I remember you all and your mother and dad. I'm Ellen's younger daughter. I can't make it today, but I'm there in spirit!

Jean Strange Taylor - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family, Jake was a true servant of God. The countless meals he provided the Vincentians over the years speaks of his strong commitment to us and our community. I will treasure the sculling paddles he made for me many years ago when I was at St. Vincent's. May God now welcome him in heaven where the fishing is always fantastic. I would not be surprised to find him cooking with Boggs and Mary Ann in heavens kitchen. Rest in peace my friend.

Brother Dave Berning, CM - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM