



William Ira Copeland III

June 10, 2024

William Ira Copeland III, affectionately known as "Billy," passed away on June 10, 2024. Born on February 1, 1979, in New Orleans, Billy was the cherished son of the late William Ira Copeland Jr. and Patsy Ann Copeland.

Billy's formative years were in New Orleans, Louisiana. He began his education at St. Rita's Catholic School, known for its strong community and rigorous academics. He then continued his studies at Alcee Fortier High School.

From a young age, Billy showcased a talent and love for baseball. As a boy, his prowess on the field blossomed into a lifelong passion for the game, solidifying his reputation as an excellent baseball player. Beyond his athletic achievements, Billy had a profound love for his animals especially for his loyal pet pitbull, "Rex," who was his constant companion and source of comfort.

In 2005, following the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Billy made the courageous decision to relocate to San Antonio, Texas, where he built a new life and found a welcoming community. While in San Antonio, Billy worked as a medical technician at Nix Hospital and a nurse technician at San Antonio Behavioral Hospital. However, his heart always remained tied to his roots, and in 2023, Billy made the heartfelt choice to return to his beloved hometown of New Orleans.

Preceding Billy in death were his father, William Ira Copeland Jr.; his brother, Mark Copeland; his paternal grandparents, William Ira Copeland Sr and Gertrude Brooks Copeland, and his maternal grandparents, Booker T. and

Willie Mae Jefferson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Patsy Ann Copeland, son, William Curtis; sisters, Angelena (Shelby) Brumfield, Natasha (Welcy) Copeland Harrell, and Brionne Copeland; nephews, Stephen K. Copeland, Justin, Trey, and Tyler Harrell; and nieces, Rica "Punch" Copeland, Kristen "Missy" Copeland, Madison, and Kennedi Harrell, Aunt Jacqueline Jefferson, devoted friend, Maxine Thompson. He is also survived by a host of many cousins, extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Billy's name to a local animal rescue organization, reflecting his lifelong love and compassion for animals.

You are invited to join the family in celebrating Billy's life on Saturday June 22, 2024 at New Home Family Worship Center, 1616 Robert C. Blakes Sr Dr, New Orleans LA 70130: Viewing 9:30am to 10:30am, Service at 10:30am; Interment following at Jefferson Memorial Gardens, St. Rose LA.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens

11316 River Road
Saint Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

New Home Family Worship Center
1616 Robert C. Blakes Sr. Dr
New Orleans, LA

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

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