James F. Copeland

James F. Copeland went to be with the Lord the afternoon of **April 14, 2009**, Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, USA, with his wife, Nancy, at his side. James was the son of Frank Blinn Copeland and Esther Copeland (deceased). He was born in Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, **June 5, 1947**.

He graduated from **Eisenhower High School** in Rialto, California and joined the **U.S. Navy**. He served on many ships and had shore duty in Hawaii and Goose Creek, S.C. James served in the U.S. Navy for **22** years and retired in 1991.

After retirement, he worked for Lowe's in Charleston, S.C. He and Nancy moved to Benson in 2001, and he then went to work for Car Quest in Benson and as a Sales Associate at Benson Wal-Mart.

He was a member of **San Pedro Lodge #55, F&AM** in Benson, Arizona and a member of the **Temple Guard** at **Sabbar Shrine Temple** in Tucson, Arizona .

He was a **Past Patron** twice in the **Order of Eastern Star** in Goose Creek, S.C.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Copeland, of Benson; daughter, Heidi Rogers (Michael) of Fort Hood, Texas; stepson, Whit Hargrove of Fairfax, Calif.; stepdaughter, Victoria Hargrove of Charleston, S.C.; sister, Judy Sawyer (David) of Sonora, Calif.; and his father, Frank and stepmother, Wanda, of Huachuca City, Ariz. Surviving also are five grandsons, Michael Blank of Hollywood, Md., Alexander Hargrove of Auburn, Calif., Andrew West of Charleston, S.C., and Christopher and Thomas Rogers of Ft. Hood, Texas.

There was a viewing at Richardson's Remembrance Center on East 4th Street, Benson, Arizona on April 21, 2009 with a Masonic service and a military service following. A church memorial service will be held at a later date. He will be interred at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Fort Huachuca.

In lieu of flowers, he requested that donations in his memory be sent to **Sabbar Shrine Temple**, 450 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716-5699, with the designation that the donation goes to the Transportation Fund.

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