



## Harold "Bud" Coppinger

February 14, 1926 - September 5, 2011

Bluefield, VA Harold W. (Bud) Coppinger of Westwood Health Care Center, formerly of Bland Road, Bluefield, WV, died Monday, September 05, 2011. Born February 14, 1926 in Bluefield, West Virginia, he was the son of the late A.D. Coppinger, Sr. and Fern Mahoney Coppinger. Bud graduated from Beaver High School in 1944 and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Upon returning to Bluefield, he joined his father in business at Coppinger Machinery Service and attended Bluefield College on the GI Bill. He retired from Coppinger Machinery in 1981 as its executive vice president. In 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Walker, of Bluefield and they were married for 45 years before her death in 1994. He served on the boards of the Bluefield Union Mission, Commercial Bank, Hawaii Baptist Academy and Southwest Virginia Community College. He also served on the Mining Engineering Board at Bluefield State College, was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as president of the Bluefield YMCA. He had a passion for flying and flew for many years as a Lieutenant for the Mercer County Civil Air Patrol. He was a speaker for the Gideon's International Ministry and was a member and elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 2006 he was honored by being inducted into the Bluefield High School Hall of Fame. Bud will be remembered by many as their 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Teacher at Trinity Methodist Church where he taught for 25 years. Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Thompson and husband, Ed of Jamestown, N.C., Deb Sarver and husband Pete of Bluefield; one son, Wally Coppinger of Charlotte,

N.C.; two grandsons, Brandon Sarver and his wife Aimee of Simpsonville, S.C. and Brent Sarver of New York City, NY; great grandson, Will Sarver of Simpsonville, S.C.; sister, Doris Longworth of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; brother-in-law Nelson Walker and wife Phyllis of Bluefield; several nephews, including special nephew, Rick Longworth and his family of Bastian, Virginia. In addition to his wife and his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Allen D. Coppinger, Jr. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Westwood health Care Center for their care during the last 2 years of his life, and offer a special thank you to Deborah Wooley who was a faithful friend and loving caregiver for Bud. Graveside services will be held Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the Chapel of the Wildwood Mausoleum of Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton with Craig Hammond officiating. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Bluefield Bible in the Schools Fund, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield, WV, 24701 or to the Bluefield Union Mission, P.O. Box 4056 Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Coppinger family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold "Bud" Coppinger*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I learned tonight of Bud's death. I am saddened to learn of this, but rejoice in the memory of his life, his work, and his family - especially his daughter Cindy who has meant so much to me over the years. Thinking of you all.*

**Wilma Lamm Messenger** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dear Coppinger Family, Charlie and I have fond memories of Bud and especially our time in a small group Bible study together. He had a special way of being able to bring out practical applications of God's word and every conversation with him was a blessing. Of this I am certain....he loved God, he loved Carolyn, and he loved his family. We were blessed to know him. Love & prayers, Charlie & Charlotte*

**Charlie & Charlotte Sacre** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dear Cindy, Debbie and Wally Please know that my Thoughts and Prayers are with you in this time of sadness. Sincerely Jana*

**Jana Johnson Fox** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dear Deb and Pete, I was sorry to hear about your Dad. I truly understand your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Ruthie Foster** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NY

“ The phrase "good man" is used loosely so often but could not be more apt than when applied to "Bud." I believe he exemplified Christian ideals better than any person I've ever known. He was kind, generous, caring, and loving. It was always great fun when Allen, Fern, and "Bud" would visit in Corbin. "Bud" had a twinkle in his eyes and enjoyed a hearty laugh as much as anyone I've ever known. His family will have wonderful memories to sustain them. My sympathy and love to all the family.

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**Norman Yonce** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

IL

“ Deb & Pete: So sorry to hear of Mr. Coppinger's death. He was the nicest man to every one he came in contact with. When I worked for Ryland Ealy Car's, he would stop by real often and just chat with us. Always a pleasure to be around. May God comfort your family during this sad time in your lives.

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**Iris K. Lowman** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KW

“ It saddens me to think that I will never get another hug but my heart will always be fuller knowing that Bud was a part of it. He will be remembered as a very special man and I will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Kathy

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**Kathy Perry @ Westwood** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RH

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of Mr. Coppinger. My father (Paul Turner) was a close friend with Mr. Coppinger. I met him at Westwood while my mother was there. I talked with him frequently and he would tell people I was Paul Turner's daughter. He was a pleasure to be around. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed. God Bless each of you!

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**Ruby Turner Hypes** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PB

“ Buddy Coppinger was my 6th grade Sunday School teacher at Trinity United Methodist Church. I vividly remember his chalkboard lessons explaining the gospel of Jesus Christ for kids like me. The seed that he sowed in my heart came to fruition in my high school years. I have gone on to a career as a pastor and many years as a student. Many of my teachers are now forgotten, but a certain Sunday School teacher stands above most of them. Little did I know that his example of simple Bible drawings would become my own hallmark in ministry. I also knew Mr. Coppinger as my boss for a summer. I can still remember watching as he lived his Christian life among his employees at Coppinger Machinery. I could see the respect and affection that they had for him. Later on I visited with him on one occasion at his home in Bluefield. He was still a challenge and an encouragement to me in those days. When I heard the news I was sad and happy all at once. Sad for the passing of a giant and rock in my life and happy that he is safely "home" with his Savior and his Carolyn. My best wishes to the family. As the Apostle Paul said, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things, at all times having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Rob Black, High Point, NC

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**Pastor Rob Black** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TC

“ Wally, Deb and Cindy: You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We know that Bud had a wonderful and full life and now he is at peace with your mother. God bless you all - all our love to you.

Tommy, Kacey, Clay & Carson Coleman - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JT

“ Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Deb, Cindy, Wally and the entire Copinger Family. We pray for God's blessing during this sad time. Your "Lake Friends," J&S

Jim and Sue Taylor - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

HS

“ Wally, Deb, Cindy and families - We are so very, very sorry to hear of Bud's passing. We have known of his declining health for the past years but have continued to think of him during the more robust times we spent with him at Claytor Lake. He has left cherished memories for his friends in Virginia. We will miss him. We also know the legacy of his love for family will offer each of you solace in the days ahead. Please know that our thoughts reach out to each of you and the cherished memories that Bud left to you as his legacy. Our deepest condolences, Howard and Su-Su Sadler

Howard and Su-Su Sadler - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

YE

“ I was saddened to hear of Buddy's passing from my Uncle Norman Yonce. Buddy was so good to me after my Dad, Neil Yonce passed at 49 in 1978. Mom would hear from Buddy from time to time, and he would call and encourage me to continue on in college, and send support. I have such wonderful memories of his words of strength and encouragement. God bless you all as you celebrate his life.

Yvette Eastham - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ *Deb and Pete, We are so sorry for the loss of your father, he was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers!*

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**Joe and Karen Simon** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM