



## Rev. Allan F. Cope

January 13, 1943 - December 26, 2008

The Reverend Allan F. Cope, born January 13, 1943 to William Jackson Cope and Frances Marie Oliver Cope, entered the promise of eternal life on Friday, December 26, 2008. Pastor Al served as a Licensed Lay Pastor for the American Lutheran Church, Ohio District, and the Lutheran Church in America, Central Ohio Synod, from 1981 to 1985, serving as Pastor of the Fairfield County Parish, a four point L.C.A. parish in Central Ohio. On January 27, 1985 Pastor Al was ordained as a pastor in the American Lutheran Church, and he accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of Elm Creek, in Guadalupe County, Texas. He served at Christ Lutheran from 1985 to 1991, and in 1991 accepted a call to Lutheran Campus Ministry where he served as the Director of Cooperative Ministries in High Education in San Antonio, Texas. In 1995, Pastor Al also accepted a call to serve as half-time Pastor for Atonement Lutheran Church, while continuing to serve as the Director of Cooperative Ministries. In 1997 he stepped down as the Director of Cooperative Ministries to accept a call to serve as full-time Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Rev. Cope is survived by his wife Elva Villalpando Cope; his oldest daughter Tiffany Michelle and her husband George White; his son David Allan his wife Judy; his daughter Teressa Dawn and her husband Jason Robles; his son Derek Allan and his wife Prisilla; stepdaughter Selena Ann; his kid brother Lt. Col. Michael Vincent Cope, Retired Special Forces and Vietnam Veteran, his grandchildren, Bryan Michael, Stefan Thomas, Valerie, Emily Chen, Derek Allan II, Jacob Tomas,

and Landon Ellis; and many friends, colleagues, congregational members, and acquaintances that shall miss him greatly.

#### Services

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. An Ecumenical Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be at 3:00 pm Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at Trinity Lutheran Church with interment to follow in Mission Burial Park South. Flowers are welcome or contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, South Texas Chapter, 431 Isom Road, Suite 125, San Antonio, TX 78216.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ I wish I could have talked to you with the brain and mind I have developed now, I have many questions, I love that I can find so much information about you online! Bless the copes! Love you Grandpa!

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**Jacob** - May 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM

GC

“ Mrs. Cope & family,  
Our deepest, heartfelt, condolences go to the family of Pastor Al Cope. I will miss the spiritual conversations we had as students at Saint Philip's college, campus ministries. We know that Al is in a much glorious place, heaven, with

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**Giovanni & Rhonda Carpio** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Derek,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your father. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
God bless you all,  
Stephanie

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**Stephanie Urban Sheffield** - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Thank you Allan for always loving & respecting me & my family. Thank you for your son, Derek, & how much of an impact you have had on our lives, and the wonderful loving & caring people from Trinity Lutheran Church, they truly will always be our Church fa

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**Prisilla Cope** - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Elva, I was so saddened to learn of your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers. Sincerely, Gracie Aguirre-Jimenez & family*

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**Gracie Aguirre-Jimenez** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Pastor Al was very important to me and my family. He nurtured our spiritual needs and always had a big hug, which I already miss. There are people in your life that you will never forget, Pastor Al is one. He shared the grief of my mother's death, but*

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**James Jonas** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *We send our heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of their loved one and pray for comfort in the promises and grace of their Lord, and in the memories of a life lived in service and love.*

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**Pastor Sheldon and Renee Hermanson** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Rev. Cope was a delightful man. I worked with him when he was Campus Minister at St. Philip's College. I pray that God will be with you and all of his family in this difficult time. Very Sincerely,*

*Pat Davila*

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**Pat Davila** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ May you recieve strength from the knowlege that Mr Cope is in the arms of god. You will see him again. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*Esther Rivera  
Eanes & Polk Inc.*

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**Esther Rivera** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I so much enjoyed the time that Pastor Al and my family were close while he served at Elm Creek. He and I had many spirited & fun conversations. I'll always remember what a tremendous help he was to me during the death of my dad. Know that we are thinking

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**Mike & Jonilee Wallace Slovak** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Derek and family, we are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know we are thinking of you and praying for your family. Love Always, Julie and Frank Sullivan of Seguin.

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**Juliane Sullivan** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Elva and Family - We were so saddened to hear about Al's death. You both had a strong impact on our Hospice program and our hearts. Fondly, Kelly Schievelbein, Cecilia Trinidad & Amy Leigh Gibbs

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**Kelly Schievelbein** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rev. Allan F. Cope

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**Randall Strey** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *My sympathy and Christian Love*

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**Rev. Wm. C. Hassel** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Mrs.Cope and Family,*

*I want to extend my sympathy and condolences for your great loss. I will keep you in my prayers.*

*Guadalupe Patino*

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**Guadalupe Patino** - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *To be with Al Cope was to know a truly loving, compassionate friend and Pastor. He radiated a joyous glow as a Christian. When I had a severe illness he peacefully comforted me with his ministry.*

*My deepest condolences to Elva and family.*

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**Pastor Samuel Johns** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I praise God for Pastor Al Cope, a friend and a special colleague in ministry, whom I appreciated very much. We will miss his bright personality, fine mind and active spirit. He was a mission minded pastor with a unique style of ministry. It was a joy*

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**Pastor Dale Brand** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I am so sorry about the loss of your beloved husband. I pray that God will comfort and heal you and your family.*

*Carlette Williams*

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**Carlette Williams** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends He will be truly missed by all who knew him.*

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**Lana Dudley** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Rev. Allan F. Cope*

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**Lana Dudley** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Many memories working with Al as our ministries were linked together. Al will be greatly missed for his leadership and friendship.*  
*Ernie & Ronda Lantz*

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**Pastor Ernie Lantz** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *My condolences to all family members and our sincere appreciation for the legacy of community service that Rev. Cope has left us with to honor his memory.*

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**Raul Ahumada** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Elva, David, Tessa and Derek... my heart is sad to hear of Al's passing; but I also know that he lived his life to God's fullest potential and infected everyone with love and laughter, whom he came into contact with. I will relish the stories of Mo-Ranch

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**Courtney Luebben Peeler** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I met Al at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in 1977. I remember well our classes with some of the professors like Walt Boumann big as a grizzly, but a real teddy bear, Lee Elhard challenging, but a bit strange, and Merlin Hoops a great New Te

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**Pastor Herb Beyer** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Pastor Herb Beyer** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Al was one of the first to befriend me when I came to Grace Lutheran, San Antonio. We shared some good times and discussions together; thank you. May your family be comforted by the Gospel promise of life restored abundantly in Him.

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**Curt Pedder** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We send our heartfelt sympathy and love.

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**Bob and Martha Eastwood** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. We loved Allan. He was truly a wonderful, unique, and caring individual. He will be missed by all who knew him. You and your family will always be in our prayers and we will always be here for you! We love you!

Mike, Geralynn, Sara and AJ Wing - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Elva, Pastor Al meant so much to myself and my family. We have truly been blessed to have known him. I know there will never be another pastor who will mean as much to me as he does. God now has a very special angel with Him and I know he will be

Laura Burleson - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Pastor Cope was my fiancée's, Christian Fell's, pastor at Trinity. Our daughter Carley wants Mrs. Elva to know that she loves Pastor and you very much and misses him, as we all do. Although I was not close to him, the short times I spoke with him & needed

Kimberly Mair - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We share your sorrow and hope it will comfort you to know our hearts reach out to you in sympathy and prayer.

Jennifer Cope and Family, William and Chryl Klatt - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ It is with heavy hearts that we send our condolences to you and your family.... Your remarkable faith, strenght, and love will guide you through this time of loss.....Cherish the memories you created and the wonderful love you had for oneanother....Remembe

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**Efrain & Herlinda Longoria and family** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Elva and family*  
Just want to give all of you our sympathy and let you know how much we will miss Pastor Al. He was a great inspiration for all of our family. He was so easy to talk to and I always enjoyed talking to him about the Spurs. He was a great pa

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**James & Doris Alston** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I enjoyed all the fond memories that we shared when we worked in the church office together. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Janie Wallace*

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**Janie Wallace** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My family and I will always remember you as being a great pastor at our church. You were a great inspiration and we grew spritually through your words of wisdom. You will greatly be missed.*

*Jeremiah & April Burns*

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**Jeremiah Burns** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Pastor Cope, I knew you for one hour of yours and my life. You were funny and sincere.  
Will have fond memories  
Janice Petmecky

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**Janice and Phil Petmecky** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You are in our hearts and prayers and we will remember you always.

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**The Ferguson Family** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Please know that I am thinking of you. I will miss Al very much. He was a dear friend, colleague in ministry, and mentor.

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**Holly Paulson** - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Your angel on earth has been called home, but will lovingly watch over you and your family. Our prayers of courage and faith are with you always.

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**Andriana & Rodney** - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.

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**Lucinda Lizcano** - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Thinking of you with Loving Sympathy.

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**Martha Pina** - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM