



## Carroll H. Copeland

Carroll Copeland graduated from New Castle High School in 1930. He earned his bachelor degree from Ball State University in 1937. Mr. Copeland began his teaching career at the Gaston Public Schools and became the K & P Band Director in New Castle, IN until 1942. He was also the director of bands at New Castle High School from 1938 – 1943. From 1943-1945 Copeland was a member of the World War II First Division Artillery Band. He was the Director of Bands at Alexandria High School from 1945-1951 and Franklin Community High School from 1951-1958. It was during this time that Mr. Copeland's bands gave many clinics for the Indiana Bandmaster's Association. His marching band expertise provided guidance for many young band directors. He also served as an officer of the Indiana Bandmaster's Association. From 1946-1952 Mr. Copeland was the Warrant Officer (Director), for the Indiana National Guard Band. In 1958 he became Director of Bands at Jefferson High School in Lafayette, IN. From 1954-1975 he was also Instrumental Music Supervisor for the Lafayette City Schools. Mr. Copeland was a member of the Purdue University Band Department in 1976-77 and was manager of the Long Center for the Performing Arts in Lafayette from 1980-1996.

In 1961 Mr. Copeland received the Ball State University Distinguished Alumni Award and in 1975 was awarded the Outstanding Bandmaster award by Phi Beta Mu. Other awards include the American School Band Directors Award, the Outstanding Music Educator Award from IMEA, the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Award, and the Lafayette Journal and Courier "George" Award. He was Grand Marshall of the Lafayette Christmas Parade in 1984, and was named to the Lafayette Schools "Wall of Fame" in 1987. The Sagamore of the Wabash award given by the Governor of Indiana in 1991, the Sudler "Order of Merit Award, and in 1996 was presented the Purdue University Service Award. In 1994 Carroll Copeland was elected to the National Board of Directors of Phi Beta Mu.

Carroll Copeland was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Lafayette, Masonic Lodge of Greensboro, Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, American Legion, Kiwanis Club of Lafayette, American Theater Organ Society, and Henry County Historical Association of New Castle. He greatly enjoyed circus marches and developed a large collection of these marches. Carroll W. Copeland passed away on January 29, 2004.