Robert Dean Copeland was born on December 20, 1977, in Flint, MI to Ricky Dean Copeland and Linda (Shaver) Copeland. Robert's father died tragically in a hunting accident in 1978 before Robert turned 1.

Robert and Linda moved to Naples in the late 1980's. Robert graduated from Lely High School in 1997.

Robert has held various positions for Target, Walmart, and McDonalds. He often worked two part time jobs.

Robert enjoyed going to the public library to read and was active in his bowling league.

Robert adored his mother and took care of Linda. He would make sure she got out of the house to go places via the bus. He had the schedule memorized. You could often find him in Cape Coral or on Marco Island.

Most importantly, Robert loved the Lord. He would proclaim: "God is large and in charge!". He was an active member of the Naples Church of Christ for many years. His ability to keep on schedule led to his becoming our official bell ringer. It was obvious when Robert wasn't present during a service because no one touched "his bell".

Robert is preceded in death by his father and grandparents – Frederick & Dorothy (Gillette) Shaver and Gaylon & Syble (Spencer) Copeland and is survived by his mom, his uncle Frederick (wife Jody) Shaver, and several cousins.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Naples Church of Christ (12760 Livingston Road, Naples, 34105). Visitation begins at 12:30PM with the service starting at 1PM.