



David Alexander Cooper

March 4, 1943 - March 3, 2021

David Alexander Cooper

David A. Cooper, 77, passed away on March 3, 2021, at Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet. He was born on March 4th, 1943, the eldest child of Alexander and Mildred (Jacovec) Cooper. A 1961 Reed-Custer High School graduate, David worked a variety of jobs during his lifetime. Most recently he tended to cemeteries and plowed snow through Cooper Maintenance Service. Dave married Shirley Dare on June 26, 1964 at the Coal City Methodist Church. He lost the love of his life on July 11, 2017. Dave was a former member of the Braidwood Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Braidwood Grade School Board of Education in the 1970's. Dave was also a 32nd Degree Mason. During his free time, Dave enjoyed gatherings at the Braidwood Recreation Club and the Coal City Area Club with family and friends. He and Shirley enjoyed attending Cushman Motor Scooter conventions, John Deere tractor shows, and visiting his sister in Wisconsin. Above all he enjoyed attending his granddaughter Zoriana's events: basketball, track, softball games, and speech contests. Dave is survived by his daughter Dawn Cooper and his granddaughter Zoriana, his "Munchkin" and the apple of his eye. He is further survived by his sister Kathleen (the late Donald) Gerz of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and his in-laws Georgiean Benson of South Wilmington; George E. (Kathy) Dare Jr. of Morris; Beverly McKee of Cape Coral, FL; Betty (William) Booras of Plainfield and Donna (Joey) Ferrari of South Wilmington. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

survive. Preceding Dave were his wife, Shirley, his parents Alexander and Mildred Cooper, his brother Daniel, his brother in-law Don Gerz, and his parents in-law George and Marie (Benson) Dare Sr. Dave's family would like to extend a thank you to Provena St. Joseph ICU nurses, doctors, and staff. Additionally, they thank the staff of Joliet Area Community Hospice, especially nurse, Mary. We appreciate all the support from our family and friends during this difficult time. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Tuesday, March 9, from 4-7 p.m. with funeral services at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dale Tolly will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 9. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ Our sympathy and Prayers in the loss of David, he was a great guy. I grow up across the street from him, and was at his home a lot. RIP Dave you will be missed.



Dennis D - April 20, 2021 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. A good friend. So many memories at McElroy's garage. Please know the family is in our thoughts.

Bob & Pat Swisher - March 11, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ Our sympathy and Prayers in the loss of David he was a great guy, my husband will miss having there jokes and drinks at the moose , He was akways so friendly. May he rest in peace with his wife Shirley now in heaven. GOD Bless his family



Merle and Eleanor Briggs

Eleanor Briggs - March 09, 2021 at 10:16 PM

JM

“ Hi, Betty Dare- Booras. I am sorry for the lose of David.
Jerry Murphy, from Morris, now of
Kirksville, Missouri.

jerry murphy - March 07, 2021 at 08:38 PM

JW

“ Josephine Gladys White lit a candle in
memory of David Alexander Cooper



Josephine Gladys White - March 05, 2021 at 08:25 PM

SD

“ I will always have fond memories of our Christmas gatherings.
Some details that I remember when I think if Uncle Dave is the
vintage belt shaker machine, the amazing oyster crackers and the
radio scanner. As a kid I always remember loving the smell of his
tobacco pipe and admiring his prominent jawline. After reading his
obituary I remembered him calling us kids “munchkins”...that one I
forgot. May he Rest In Peace with Aunt Shirley and dad.

Sara DeLuca - March 05, 2021 at 12:51 PM

KS

“ I am sending my heartfelt condolences to Dawn, Zoriana and all of cousin Dave's relatives.

I remember Dave as a tall guy with a big heart, fun jokes and he gave great advice when asked. He is now with Shirley, whom he loved so much and is eternally lived by. Bless him and bless his family.

May your memories lighten your sorrows during this sad time.

Kathy Simpson - March 05, 2021 at 11:56 AM

SK

Sorry for your loss Dave was always a nice guy I enjoyed talking to him when he would come in and have coffee or a pop he will be missed

Sue Kelleher - March 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RC

Dawn I'm so sorry to hear this. May your dad be at peace. Hugs to you.

Rita Sullivan Carlson - March 05, 2021 at 06:04 PM

KP

So Very sorry to hear of Dave's passing, Dave Taught me a lot on the fire department I always thought Dave was a good guy he will surely be missed God bless his family and friends

Kevin Painter - March 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JB

Dawn, I am so sorry yo hear about your dad"s passing. I knew your mom more ,but your dad was always helpful to me when needed

Joan Benson - March 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM