



Cecil Cooper

September 14, 1949 - October 7, 2020

Cecil Cooper of Dalton Ga passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2020 in Panama City Beach, Fl. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Gerald and Mary Cooper and father in law Herman F. Neal. He is survived by his wife Judy Neal Cooper, son Jacob Cooper, son and daughter in law Zachary and Jennifer Cooper and the light of his life grandson Nolan Cooper, brother Raymond Bryant, and mother in law Sally Neal.

Cecil grew up in Dalton Georgia and attended both Dalton High School, Dalton State College before enlisting in the marines. Cecil was a proud and decorated Marine, serving as a combat Sergeant during the Vietnam war from 1968-1970. He was an active frontline member of the daily task force. The only things that made him prouder than serving as a Marine, was being a husband, father, Grandfather and brother.

For 49 years, Cecil was the dedicated husband and protector to the love of his life and best friend, Judy. They shared an enviable love that showcased their deep bond of soul. They navigated the highest highs and lowest lows hand and hand as a united team built on true love, caring and compassion.

He was the proud father of two boys, Zachary and Jacob. Leading them with a mixture of toughness, love, and above all unwavering support. Also, always there for them beaming with pride in their highest highs, and sometimes to his chagrin, during their lowest lows.

He was heavily active in all of his children's activities from being his sons' Boy Scout leader, Odyssey of the Mind coach, or baseball coach to name just a few. He was a favorite among his children's peers, always reverting to his own class clown ways when participating to his children's school activities. His knack for self-taught craftsmanship was highlighted in all of his son's school projects. Once his sons were old in the world, he continued to foster and create community by mentoring and looking out for people in the community both young and old.

Cecil was of the upmost moral value with a strong sense of family and furtherance of

others. Traits that are rare to find in this day and age. He would always be the first person to go to someone and say, "Hey, I thought you might could use this". Collecting papers for the dogs at the pound to have something to lay on instead of the concrete floor, collecting bottle caps for St. Jude, any little thing he could do to help he wanted to. Many people in this community and communities elsewhere can all attest to that. He loved to help and be useful. He had an unparalleled work ethic. He worked and provided for his family and still would take all the time needed to find a way to be two places at once.

In his past years during his retirement, he'd been spending more time at the home he shared with his wife in Florida. Even there his industriousness prevailed. Never one to sit idle, Cecil enjoyed spending his past years fishing, clock making, lamp building, yard working, gardening, and small electronics building. All his projects were sourced from used materials and repurposed antiques. He had the ability to build and fix anything and loved his time outside on his projects.

His death is one that will be felt by many people. He always had the quickest wit and banter with the ability to light up a room. Cecil was the real "life of the party". With his own sort of devilish grin; he always had the ability to draw a smile and laughter out of anyone.

An adored, stoic man of great nature and respect has left this earth.

Semper Fi.

There will be a visitation at Dalton Funeral Home on Tuesday October, 13 from 12-2 followed by a graveside service in Westhill Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to independently owned and operated Dalton Funeral Home, 620 S. Glenwood Ave. Dalton, GA 30721; 706-529-5371.

Cemetery

West Hill Cemetery

Emery St
Dalton, GA,

Events

OCT **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Dalton Funeral Home
620 S Glenwood Ave, Dalton, GA, US, 30721

OCT **Service** 02:00PM

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West Hill Cemetery
Emery St, Dalton, GA, US

Comments



“ Judy, Zach & Jacob:
Mandy, Eric and I were so sad to hear of Cecil's passing. He was truly a great person to have around. Always there for anyone in need and so helpful when the kids were in the band. Our hearts go out to you as I can truly say we know how you feel. Jim passed on 10/23/2017. I'm sure he was greeted with much love by his family and friends in heaven. Love to you all. Janice Skates, Eric Skates & Mandy Skates Hayes.

Janice Skates - October 20, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Cecil at Dalton State. He was a character. You couldn't have a bad day when Cecil was around. He was genuinely concerned for everyone. I could always count on him helping with the events and projects for our department. You will be in my prayers as you navigate your grief.

Rebecca Dempsey - October 15, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ With deepest sympathy, I sat next to Cecil on the 50 year reunion float in the DHS homecoming parade. A fun, happy guy to be around. I know that he will be missed by many people.
Sincerely, Mike Wood DHS class of '68.

Mike Wood - October 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Judy, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Cecil. We worked together at Transus Ga Hwy Express. We have been friends for over 40 years. We met when I worked for Myers Carpet
During the '70's Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.
Dennis Hammontree

Dennis Hammontree - October 13, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about a great friend. Cecil and I served together at Quantico, Va. in 1971. My condolences to all of the Cooper family.

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Ed Genis

Ed Genis - October 19, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Tuesday October 13, 2020

JUDY, ZACH, JACOB

I was shocked to hear about Cecil last night. It deeply saddens me. I would have been at his service today but I was at Erlanger this morning to have a heart Cath and didn't get released to return home until 6:00. Please forgive me. I'm surely going to miss my friend. I pray GOD gives you peace, comfort, and strength in the days and weeks to come. I get comfort and peace from he who cannot lie, almighty GOD. He cannot lie because he is GOD. In his word he gives us promises. I urge you to dig into his word. One of my favorite passages is John 14: 1-31. I love you'll and don't hesitate to contact me to help you in any way!

Scotty & Anna Martin

706-980-0807

Scotty Martin - October 13, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 13, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Mrs. Judy,

I am so heartbroken to hear for Cecil's passing. He was truly one of a kind. I saw him not too long ago at the parts store and as usual he picked at me for being a Alabama fan. He will truly be missed you and your sweet family will be in my prayers.

Joyce Keith



Joyce Keith - October 13, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 13, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ My condolences to Jacob and his entire family and to Cecil's friends. I never met Cecil but he sounds like quite a guy - someone I would have liked to have as a friend. Jacob and family and friends, keep Cecil close in your heart and he will always be there to give you guidance.

With love and support - a friend of Jacob's.

Bob Oates

Bob Oates - October 13, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 13, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 13, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ Deepest sympathy praying for the Cooper family Patsy McDade and family

Patsy McDade. Next door neighbor - October 12, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ Cecil was always the smiling face, up to mischievous fun person on all our scout trips!! I certainly enjoyed his friendship during our scouting years.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. May you find peace in knowing he is at peace. Remember all the fun times your family had together and as the saying goes- those times are priceless.

Miriam Duncan

Miriam Duncan - October 12, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Ken And Sara Parris-Laurel Lake lit a candle in memory of Cecil Cooper



Ken and Sara Parris-Laurel Lake - October 12, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Cecil. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Debbie and Gene Autry - October 12, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Judy-I am so sorry that I won't be able to come by the funeral home due to a conflict, but my thoughts & prayers will be with you & your family.

Janet Steele - October 12, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Alway such a sweet smile all the time .He would ride by and say alright you need to get back to workRest in piece my friend.

Brenda Norton - October 12, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil Cooper.



October 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM