



William E. Cooper

April 11, 1926 - May 10, 2010

William Eugene "Gene" Cooper, age 84, of Morrilton, passed away, Monday, May 10, 2010. He was born April 11, 1926 in Atkins, Arkansas, a son of John F. Cooper and Daisy Harralson Cooper. He graduated Morrilton High School, attended Arkansas Tech, and served in the Navy during World War II. He was a D.A.V. and member of D.E.S.A. (Destroyer Escort Sailors Association). He was past president of Morrilton Lions Club, member of Morrilton Youth Association and was instrumental in getting Little League Baseball in Morrilton. Gene was also a member and longtime active Deacon and Choir member of First Baptist Church of Morrilton.

Survivors include his wife, Sunny Jo Kirkpatrick Cooper of Morrilton; son, Joe Kirk Cooper and wife Margaret of North Richland Hills, Texas; daughter, Jeanna Telfer and husband Tony of Ann Arbor, Michigan; grandchildren, Shannon Koenig and husband Ed of California; Neil Cooper of Arizona; Joe Cooper II and wife Courtney of Ohio; Jay Telfer and wife Kelly of Texas; Scott Telfer and wife Karen of Arkansas; Erin Telfer and Alexandra Telfer both of Arkansas; brothers, Danny Cooper and wife Toni of Missouri; Johnny Cooper and wife Elsie of Louisiana; sisters, Edna Goldman of Florida, and Patsy Teaford of Arkansas, and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Cooper and sisters, Bernice Charnley, and Iva Nell Thigpen; a grandson, Timothy Telfer and a granddaughter, Kimberly Haynes.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at First Baptist Church of

Morrilton with Dr. Bill Brown officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Cooper*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Sunny,*
We know the past few years have been a struggle for you and Gene but we pray the cherished memories of Gene will bring you and your family comfort as you mourn his passing.
We pray, also, that God will give you the strength and peace that only he can provide.

June 29, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss visiting with Gene at the nursing home.*

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sunny Jo and family...I am so sorry to learn that Gene has departed this life. I know it has been difficult for all of you these last few years, but he is now at rest and free from life's struggles. May God bless you and your family, and give comfort to you as only He can. My prayers are with you.*

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of the family. Mr. Cooper left this Earth knowing he was loved by such a dear, dear family. Our prayers are with all of you. Mrs. Cooper, I know how hard it is to lose the "sunshine of your life", because I watched my mom go through the same thing, but with God's strength time will start to heal the pain and hurt you are feeling inside, as well as the deep pain of losing a granddaughter, as well. Sending you blessings.

May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Daddy for everything. I love you...

May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sad to hear about Mr. Cooper. What a wonderful man to live right next door to all those years! We will always appreciate all you both did for our mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jenna & family - words can hardly express the loss you must feel now. Jerry and I pray God's comfort is abundant now & for the next years as you adjust to life without Kim and your Dad, Gene.

May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sunny Jo & family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I didn't know Gene, but knew his daughter, Jeanna & son-in-law, Tony. I know over the past months, Jeanna has been struggling with his illness. I'm sorry for her loss, but hope that she has some peace-of-mind knowing that he's in a better place now. I've been thinking about you guys... A LOT! Take it day by day & keep loving each other. Love, Amy

May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers go out for the family of Gene Cooper. Even though we didn't see Gene often, We thought of him and Sonny very often. He was a good man. Love and Prayers for you, Sonny

Fred and Becky Zimmerman

May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM