



Charles Franklin Cooper

July 14, 1937 - September 2, 2018

Charles Franklin Cooper, age 81, passed away at his home in Whitehouse, surrounded by his family on Sunday, September 2, 2018. He was born on July 14, 1937 in Kennedale, Texas to William F. and Lucy Mae (Elrod) Cooper. Charles graduated from Troup High School in 1955 and went on to attend Tyler Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University. On December 31, 1959, he married Robbie Martin. After marriage, Charles served in the U.S. Army. Together, they had four children.

Charles retired from the Texas Department of Transportation after 37 years of service. Early in his career, Charles inspected the construction of IH 20 in Smith and Gregg counties. At the end of his career, he oversaw contract management for the construction of the first section of Toll 49 in Tyler.

Charles was grateful to have been an ordained Baptist deacon for more than 43 years. He had a servant's heart and loved to help others. He led numerous church building projects and served in many ministerial and administrative positions in the church.

Charles loved to work on his farms with Robbie raising horses and cattle. However, his most treasured times were spent with his children and grandchildren. He and Robbie traveled thousands of miles to attend his grandchildren's games, recitals and special events. He was always their

biggest fan.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Robbie; daughters, Shelley Cooper and Sherri (Brian) Ralson; son Scott (Kim) Cooper; four grandchildren, Bret Ralson, Blake Ralson, Thomas Cooper and Elizabeth Cooper; great-granddaughter, Kerrington; sisters, Sue (Curtis) Lindsey, Dianne (Sam) Hamilton; brothers Phil Cooper and Billy (Pat) Cooper and many nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his son, Terry Joe Cooper, his parents and mother and his father-in-law, H.B. "Jack" and Myrtle Martin.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Berryhill, Brad Burnett, Scott Gorbett, Jimmy Jackson, Preston Lindsey, Keith Lindsey, Kent Lindsey and Randy Ralson.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 7, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Stewart Family Funeral Home located at 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX. Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Whitehouse with Pastor Bennie Portwood and Pastor Pat Graham officiating. There will be a private family burial.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
FM 344 E
Whitehouse, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Franklin Cooper



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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ENJOYED THIS VIDEO SO MUCH. THANKS FOR SHARING CHARLES LIFE WITH US. BLESSINGS

KATHY KING HANIFIN - September 06, 2018 at 11:10 AM



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



September 07, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DA

“ To the Family of Charles F. Cooper,

You know better than me, but please let me join you in proclaiming that Charles Cooper was a truly good man. Even better, he was good for all the right reasons. He had his faith anchored squarely in the Lord Jesus and, guided by that faith, he was an honest and dependable friend.

Charles was one of the first to welcome me to East Texas and to the Highway Department's Tyler District when my wife, Janet, and I moved here from Corpus Christi in 1978. Although I worked in a different section, we would visit at lunch and at one time we both served on the credit union's board of directors. His record keeping skills and work ethic were invaluable to the business. It seems that everything Charles did involved benefit to others.

I believe I last saw Charles at one of our spring and fall retirees meetings. He walked tall among men and stood out in a crowd. Through the years I have counted Charles as a friend as well as a trusted coworker and now I am saddened by his passing.

Please know that prayers are being sent Heavenward for you all during these days of mourning. For those who trust in the Lord Jesus to save them in that great judgment day to come, the grief we feel is somehow not quite as bitter as it might be without that faith.

*Danny Aylor
Murchison, Texas*

Daniel Aylor - September 07, 2018 at 02:22 AM

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“ I got to know Charles when we served on the finance committee at Gateway Baptist Church. He was such a very sweet man with a wonderful soul. I really gained a great gratitude for his commitment to the Lord. He will be greatly missed.
Karen Hill

Karen Hill - September 06, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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“ Andy & Tami Bollman purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Charles Franklin Cooper.



Andy & Tami Bollman - September 06, 2018 at 05:42 PM

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“ Am so sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. While attending school I remember him as being a handsome and kind person. May God be with you during this period of grief. Blessings to all the family, brothers and sisters.



KATHY KING HANIFIN - September 06, 2018 at 11:09 AM



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



September 06, 2018 at 10:54 AM



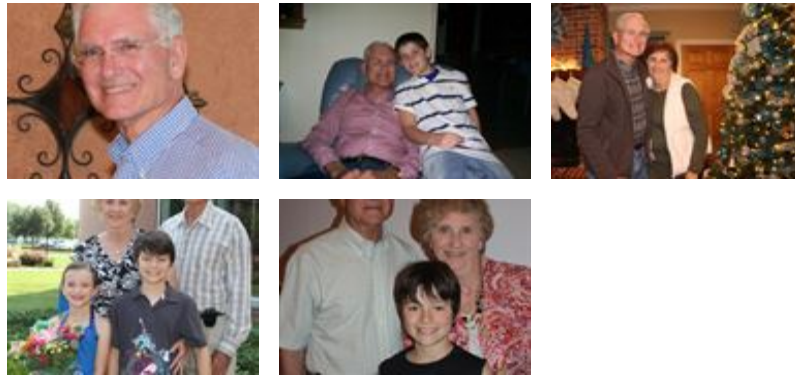
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Cooper.*



September 05, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ *277 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Your Lochner Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Franklin Cooper.*



Your Lochner Family - September 05, 2018 at 11:13 AM

PN

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Charlie. He was one of the kindest man I ever worked with. I have been thinking about him all day and in remembering his wonderful sense of humor on the many trips he had to take with his lady recordkeepers, but always such a gentleman. He was a man that was comfortable in his own skin. He was a wonderful mentor and I will never forget him and the love he showed toward his family.

Patsy Nichols - September 04, 2018 at 07:02 PM