



Donald Cooper

December 12, 1935 - February 24, 2012

A memorial service for Donald Cooper, 76, of Tyler will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Paul Powell officiating. A native Texan and long time resident of Tyler, Donald Cooper passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior on February 24, 2012, surrounded by his wife and family. He was born on December 12, 1935, in Henderson Texas to A.B. and Nora Cooper, and grew up in the New London Area. A master mechanic, millwright and man of extraordinary talents, Don retired from Kelly Springfield in 1999. A former Mason and Worthy Patron of Eastern Star, he was an active member of Green Acres Baptist Church and Seekers Sunday Morning Bible Study, and the Studebaker Drivers Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.B. Cooper and Nora Cansler Cooper of New London, and his brother Eugene Cooper of Farmington, New Mexico. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Laverne Burks Cooper, his daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Euel Henry; his daughter, Dedran Cooper Levy; his granddaughter, Leigh Howard; grandson, Alex Womack; grandson and wife, Trent and Ashly Howard; and great-granddaughter, Anne-Marie Howard. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, February 27 at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, followed immediately by a memorial service at 11:00 AM. If desired, memorials in honor of Donald Cooper may be made to The University of Texas Health Science Center Tyler, Office of Institutional Advancement, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Cooper,
I never met you, but I work with your daughter, Dedran. I just want you to know I think you must have been an incredible Dad and you raised Dedran right. She is loving, caring, sincere and a hard worker. She spoke of you often and of her love for you. Thank you for leaving a wonderful legacy with such a strong woman. You will be deeply missed but your memory is strong. Be proud.*

Vicky Snyder - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I did not know Don well but I know he lived his Christian faith. He lived next door to my brother and sister-in-law and was a angel to them these past few years. He was always glad to help by brother and sister-in-law when they had a problem. I know he will be missed my many friends and his family. May God give peace to each of you.*

Jeff Jones - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Laverne,
We are so sorry for your loss. Daddy wanted to be there so badly. He can't leave mother alone for long lengths of time and she is not able to travel much anymore. Please know we are praying for you all. Our thoughts are with each of you. Judy*

Judy Burks Brooks - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM