



John Robert Cooper

July 12, 1936 - June 25, 2023

John Robert Cooper, 86, went home to be with the Lord on June 25, 2023. He was born in Pecos, Texas to Frank and Nadine Cooper on July 12, 1936.

He graduated from Tucson Senior High in Tucson, Arizona and the University of Arizona with a degree in Personnel and Business Management.

He worked for 35 years all in Personnel, first for Montgomery Wards in Tucson, Arizona; second for El Paso Natural Gas in El Paso, Texas; third for LNG Company in Houston, Texas; fourth for Delta Drilling Company in Tyler, Texas; and finally retired from Texas Workforce Commission in Tyler, Texas in 1999.

During John's career he was affiliated with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, toastmasters, and Bible Study Fellowship.

He was a Sargent in the Army and served as a clerk stationed in Germany from 1959-1961 and then in the reserves until 1965.

After returning from the service, he married Mary Jolyne Harvey on December 16, 1961 in Tucson, Arizona.

He loved to read and was also passionate about animals, both domestic and

wild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two older sisters, and his daughter, Jodie Cooper Eads.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jo Cooper of Tyler, Texas; daughter, Julie Cooper Simmons (Stephen) of Garland, Texas; son-in-law, Jeff Eads of San Antonio, Texas; granddaughter, Stephanie Simmons Barrans (James) of Desoto, Texas; grandson, Jeffrey Eads of San Antonio, Texas; nieces in Arizona and New Mexico; nephew, Alan Day (Nancy) of Weston, Massachusetts; and cousins, Tom Cooper of Chandler, Texas and Ann York of Brentwood, Tennessee.

The family is so grateful to his Hospice team, as well as the multitude of helpers who provided special care for him.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that a donation be made in John's name to the ASPCA of Texas or the American Cancer Society.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation is scheduled one hour prior to service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ So many great memories from my childhood/teenage days spent with this family. He was like a second dad to me. Prayers for all during this time.



Jana Pugh - June 28, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Robert Cooper.



June 28, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Robert Cooper.



June 28, 2023 at 09:51 AM