



## David A. Cooper

July 21, 1939 - March 2, 2017

David A. Cooper, 77, of Decatur, IL passed away peacefully Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. He was born July 21, 1939 in Milwaukee, WI a son of the late John and Catherine (Jonas) Cooper. Dave was a graduate of Port Washington High School in Port Washington, Wisconsin and a veteran of the United States Navy having served in Okinawa, Japan.

Loving husband, devoted father and grandfather he married the love of his life, Madeline in 1962. A mover and a shaker, they relocated often as he was promoted in his early days of sales, touching lives wherever they went. In 1978, with his passion for coffee, Dave founded Marquis Beverage Company in Decatur, IL, which remains the family business today. Dave was very involved in the community and served on the board of directors with the March of Dimes and Baby TALK in Decatur. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, whether they had recently met or shared a lifetime of memories like his special friends of FISH. Dave was a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan and Crown Royal connoisseur, had a passion for flying, enjoyed boating, skiing and traveling, as well as doing yard work. It was not unusual to see him with a blower or a garden hose in one hand and a beer in the other.

His death is heartbreaking to his family and friends, but he will long be remembered for the way he lived...full of life and love and the first to offer a

hug and a smile.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years, Madeline F. (Ratatori) Cooper; loving children, Brett A. Cooper of Bloomington, IL, Kelli (Philip) Gruszka of Bakersfield, CA and David J. "DJ" Cooper of Decatur, IL; brother, Donald (Ruth) Cooper of Fond du Lac, WI; sister, Patricia (Allen) Cottrell of Port Washington, WI; and cherished grandchildren, Andrew, Nicholas, Sam, Paige, and Eric. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack and Dennis Cooper.

There will be no visitation.

A funeral Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2400 S. Franklin St., Decatur, IL, on Monday, March 13 at 1:30pm. A celebration of life will be held immediately following the church service. Memorial contributions in Dave's name may be made to Central March of Dimes, 2060 W. Iles, Ste D., Springfield, IL 62704 or Baby Talk, 500 E. Lakeshore Dr., Decatur, IL 62521.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
2400 S. Franklin St.  
Decatur, IL 62521

# Tribute Wall



“ *David A. Cooper*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the family...Frank and Patricia Whitlock*



**Frank and Patricia Whitlock** - March 13, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *One of my highlights attending an Amway function was spending time with Dave. Always a smile for everyone and a joy to be around. If I may pass along a comforting thought to the family - "nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear; fond memories linger every day and remembrance keeps them near".*

*Pamala Bannick, Grand Rapids MI*

**Pamala Bannick** - March 13, 2017 at 10:14 AM

JT

“ Very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Met Dave in the early 80's when our back yards touched. Also, we had identical homes. Was always nice to see Dave once we left Decatur for we always stopped to re supply our coffee cupboard. Our children played together and were all in and out of trouble. All the kids grew up to be great people.

*Our condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Jack & Patti Toney*

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**Jack Toney** - March 11, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David A. Cooper.



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March 10, 2017 at 02:56 PM

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“ Loved our past memories spent with the Cooper family. Loved you all! Betty Roper

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**Betty Roper** - March 10, 2017 at 11:12 AM

BB

“ David was certainly an amazing individual. He lived life to its fullest and that is a tremendous example of how we must approach each day. My condolences to your family. I do hope the coming days will give you peace and understanding.

*Bethany Bartels*

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**bethany bartels** - March 10, 2017 at 08:26 AM

BR

“ *The Romano's send our condolences to the entire Cooper Family- enjoyed a wonderful friendship with Dave and Madelyn for many years. He will truly be missed!*

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**Barb Romano** - March 10, 2017 at 12:17 AM

DI

“ *David was an awesome person and true gentleman. Enjoyed many happy hours at Robbies downtown with all the usual suspects! Dave and Madeline truly One of the cutest couples. ❤️*

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**Dawn Isham** - March 08, 2017 at 05:34 PM

DN

“ *Don and I would like to extend our sympathy to your family at this difficult time. We have fond memories of time spent talking to Dave about Don's carving and other mutual interests. We know he will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him*

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**Don & Kay Nunn** - March 08, 2017 at 03:34 PM

MR

*Dear sweet Madeline. I don't know how, but I was thinking of you and Dave today and wondering how you both were doing. I just saw that Dave passed away in 17. I am SO very sorry to hear that he is now in the hands of God. He truly was an amazing, friendly, considerate, wonderful man, and you both were such an adorable couple. I am so truly sorry for your loss. We would be a much better place if we had more like you and Dave. I remember the good times we had at the coffee mill convention. Unfortunately, we parted our ways with ACME as it turned out to not be the group we thought, but best of all, we met some wonderful people, like you two. For that I am thankful. I hope you and your family are at Peace and know he is in heaven. He will be truly missed. I would love to hear from you some day, if you ever would like to call. Take care. Our deepest sympathy, Don and Mona Roberts, Kansas City, Missouri.*

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**Mona Roberts** - July 20, 2023 at 06:17 PM