



James A. Cooper

July 26, 1937 - December 13, 2016

James A. Cooper was born to Roy and Florence Cooper on July 26, 1937 and died on Tuesday December 13, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Anna, two daughters Dawn Molinari (Matt Thompson) and Cassandra Bailey (Don), grandsons Mitchell Brown and Jacob Molinari, granddaughter Caitlin Brown, a sister Evelyn Magalski,, brother-in-law Henry Magalski and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his daughter Annette Cooper, brothers Ronald (Bud) and Billy, and sister Barbara. Jim taught school in the Sault Saint Marie school system for many years in both the classroom and as an elementary principal, realizing his childhood ambition to become principal at McKinley School in the Algonquin area. Jim was active in the Elks serving as chairman of the Youth Committee for several years as well as secretary for a few years. He enjoyed scuba diving and was involved with The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society as a diver and later as a member. Jim loved sports and enjoyed basketball, football, golf, bowling, softball and horseshoes through the years as a spectator, participant, coach or referee. For several years he could be seen at the scoring table at Laker basketball games along with good friends Ben Jones and Dave Gonyeau. He still holds a record at Lake Superior for most free throws in a single basketball game. He was also known occasionally for his talent on a pokachello. He took great pleasure in a 25th anniversary trip to Hawaii with friends and a month long tour of Europe with friends. He leaves behind many wonderful friends including the BMBs in Brimley whose company he has enjoyed for several years. Visitation will be

held 10:00am until 12noon on Saturday January 7, 2017 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held 12 noon Saturday January 7, 2017 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Walter 'Woody' Bandstra officiating. Final resting place will be in Mission Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com. Donations in Jim's memory to the Hospice of the E.U.P. would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Cooper*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *James A. Cooper*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *James A. Cooper*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Jim's death. I knew him well and will always remember him from BPOE Elks Lodge 552. My sincerest prayers and sympathy to Jim's family: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him...Amen*

Rev. Ben Paris - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a friend of Jim's in high school where everyone loved "Coop". He was one of the nicest, friendliest, kindest persons I ever knew at that time and I have a feeling he never changed. He will be missed by many I am sure.*

Marilyn "Minnie" Champagne Raffaele - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So very sorry to hear of his passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Leann and Shane Thompson and family - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Cooper who was my basketball coach at McKinley School in 1959, when I was 12 years old. We went to the play off that year. He was a good coach who encouraged his players and never gave them any kind of hard time. A very good guy, who was quick to smile and will always be remembered as such. God Bless, Mr. Cooper.

Thomas Hirt - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My condolences to the Cooper family, the bible describes a God of comfort, "who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) May God comfort you during this difficult time and may you find comfort in his promise of a resurrection.

Dee Collins - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sad to read of Jim's passing. Jim was one of my favorite teacher's as I think back to those early school days. He will missed by all.....

Darryle Stevenson - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ So sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He was a tremendous role model to all the students lucky enough to have him both as a principal and teacher. Working with Jim always made me want to come to school and do my best. He made each of us feel comfortable and valued.

Joe and JoAnn Landini - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Deepest sympathies for the family and friends. Jim was a close friend and a wonderful person. He improved the lives of countless people through his careers and friendships. He will be missed by many.

Tom Ewing - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Always friendly, enthusiastic & a much-respected educator. He will be missed.

Larry Farnquist - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Mr. Cooper's passing. He was my elementary school principal, popcorn maker extraordinaire and good friend to my parents My thoughts and prayers to Anna, Dawn and Cassie.

Wendy (Hirschenberger) Trute - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *If you didn't mean it...it doesn't count. One of many Coopisms. Anna and family my sincerest condolences, Jim was a good friend, fun teammate, I was with him when he got his hole in one, and a great person. Anna thank you for bringing Jim to league every Wednesday, I know he really enjoyed it. He will be missed.*

Marty Eckardt - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM