



David Millard "Dave" Cooper III

July 7, 1936 - December 2, 2018

David Millard "Dave" Cooper III, age 82, passed away peacefully in his sleep December 2, 2018 at the Cambridge House in Bristol, TN.

He was born July 7, 1936 in Bristol, VA to David Millard Cooper II and Helen Torbett Cooper.

He graduated from Tennessee High School, attended the University of Georgia, and served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked at WCYB for 22 years where he was an artist, videographer, director and producer. He then went to Bristol Tennessee City Schools as a Media Specialist and helped them create their studio where he also taught television broadcasting. Dave and his wife Nancy loved traveling with the Mighty Viking Band. He videoed and documented competitions and their other performances. Lastly, he worked at ETSU of Bristol in the Telecommunications Department. He retired in 2008 after a successful battle against colon cancer. He spent his time with his wife Nancy and their Golden Retriever, Maggie.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife Nancy and their infant son, Billy Joe.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Dameron and husband, Eric of Bristol, TN; son, David Cooper and wife Stacie of Bristol, TN ; grandchildren, Joshua Dameron and his wife, Brandi, Jacob Dameron, Lillian Dameron, Kyuss Cooper, Daegan Cooper; great-grandchild, Aleina Maria Belle Dameron; sister, Susan Lynn Cooper, numerous cousins, several nieces and thousands of friends.

He was a loving Daddy and Papaw to his family. He was very quick witted and loved to make others laugh.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Cambridge House for the loving care they gave David.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Akard Funeral Home with Rev.Shawn Street officiating. The family will receive friends 2:00 – 3:00 prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at akardfuneralhome.com

Akard Funeral Home, 1912 West State St., Bristol, TN (423) 989-4800 is serving the Cooper family.

Comments



“ To all the Family and Friends of Mr. Dave Cooper
My first memory of Mr. Cooper came at the end of the Tennessee High Band video recap of the year at the annual Band Banquet. The videos were always, always a treat. Something many of us band-geeks and our parents looked forward to, because you never knew what was going to show up. He captured so many little details from us teens laughing and carrying on with our friends to the adult chaperones enjoying their time in the stands or at the amusement parks. He even caught Chaperone Supreme, Mr. “Double-O-Buch” Buchanan lurking around band camp with his signature hat, pipe and trench coat. Yes, Mr. Cooper captured so many memories for us to remember and enjoy. And as in most cases you never got to see the man behind the camera, just his name in the credits at the end of the video. And if any of you have the video from the senior year 1985 near the end you will see that a certain camera operator got caught getting for a short second “Super Dave” on camera. Thankfully he didn’t edit that one out.

Mr. C was such at ease with himself and those around him. Confident and yes a little quirky, Dave would always find the good and even humorous part to any situation. He took life as it came and took charge of what he was handed. Always keeping up with current events, he never stopped learning and being involved. A lot of us were his friends on Facebook and enjoyed his comments and banter. He and I would go back and forth, especially on our birthdays about letting each other off the hook that day from doing push-ups. Dave served in the USMC and I served in the USN. There was camaraderie and humor in our friendship that I’m sure many of you have similar memories.

He loved his wife, Nancy and growing family with passion. There are many pictures with them both, children, grand-children and of course Maggie, their very loving furry family member that like Dave and Nancy just loved everybody. Memories to cherish. I had the privilege to be one of the students in his Television Production Class when he taught at Tennessee High School. We, the students, learned both in the classroom and outside too. He wasn’t a conventional teacher and I am so glad for that. I remember that he mentored our class to create a 30 second commercial about students staying in school that aired on the local television station.

It was his professional approach with an ease and humor that later on sparked a fire in me to do more and I became an accomplished audio and video engineer and still teach people today principles and techniques that Mr. Cooper showed us. He always did his best and had fun doing it too.

Thinking back there were many of life lessons he taught just because he lived it each day. Long before the internet, social media, memes and snapchat you had people like Dave. One of these which I have been reflecting more frequent I can even hear him say,

Now don’t take yourself so serious, ‘cause you just might miss out on a good laugh.

Prayers and hugs to all the family.

Dave and Nancy you will always be missed but never forgotten.

Sincerely,
Larry Glander

A student, mentee, and friend

Larry Glander - December 17, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Akard Funeral Home - December 16, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ Deepest condolences . Sending love and prayers . Love you David , Stacie and Susie



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“ My buddy. We will miss you
Love Velma and friends

velma - December 09, 2018 at 11:55 PM



“ Karen & Family,
I'm so deeply sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a wonderful man, and one of the kindest human beings I've ever known. May god grant you and your entire family comfort and peace, during this most difficult time.

Robbie Greene

Robbie Greene - December 09, 2018 at 12:40 PM