



James F. Cooper

February 6, 1931 - August 22, 2012

Dr. James Francis Cooper of Pulaski passed away August 22, 2012 at his residence in Pulaski.

He was born on February 6, 1931 in Owensboro, Kentucky and was 81 years old.

Dr. Cooper graduated from East Nashville High School in 1948, Vanderbilt University with a bachelors Degree in 1952, University of Tennessee in 1953, Columbia University with a Masters Degree in 1956, and Ph.D. from Union Institute in 1986.

His career spanned from 1956 until 1971 as Clinical Social Worker at Gailor Psychiatric Hospital and at the Memphis Mental Health Center as Chief Clinical Social Worker. From there his career took him to Harriett Cohn Guidance Center in Clarksville, Tennessee. He was the Director of the Maury County Mental Health Center and the Giles County Mental Health Center. He had a private practice in Individual Psychotherapy and marriage and family counseling in Pulaski and Nashville. He was also an Adjunct Professor at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, TN.

His memberships include a Charter member of the National Association of Social Workers, Diplomata Clinical Social Work, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, NASW Register, Associate Member of the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, Certified by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health to assess the Competency to Stand Trial Determinations, and was President of the Mediation Association of Tennessee, the Middle Tennessee

Chapter.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Cooper will be 6 o'clock Sunday, August 26, 2012, in the Chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home. The family suggest memorial donations be made in his honor to the charity of your choice.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Russell and Frances Hope Clark Cooper along with his brother John Clark Cooper.

He is survived by Clark James Cooper and wife Patty of Dandridge, TN. Kevin John Cooper and wife Angie of Blountville, TN.

Mary Bauerle Cooper of Pulaski.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Dr. James Francis Cooper.

Thanks for your support.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I worked 5 years at Country Cottage, an assisted living center and Dr. Cooper came in to see and counsel with residents that had problems. He always came by the office to get information and even though there was an extra chair he would pull up the garbage can to sit down and chat. I was always afraid he would lose his balance and fall in or off the can. He would sit for as much as 30 minutes just catching up on the news or asking about certain residents. He had a smile and a friendly way about him that put everyone at ease. I lost contact with him after that but remember him with a smile when I think of him. May he rest in peace and may the family gain comfort from his life experiences. I enjoyed him telling of his travels and the love of his home on the lake. m

Sharon Leighton - Lawrenceburg, TN - Co-worker - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

EF

“ Clark and family
Sorry to hear about your father. Just remember the good times. AND know God is with you all

Earl and Kathy Woody - Del Rop, TN - friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ This candle we light in your dad's memory. Know that we are with you in prayer. Love you guys!

Jim and Laura Morse - Kingsport, TN - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

BF

“ Sorry to here about Clark's father. Give him our love and we will keep you in our prayers.

Bo and Dell - Pace, FL - Family - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

BS

“ *Mr. Jim will be fondly remember by Matt and me. He was a kind and interesting man and we're thankful we got the opportunity to meet him. We're holding you, family, in our hearts and prayers. May God shower you with comfort and peace during this difficult time. We love you.*

Barbie McGreger - athens, AL - sister/friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Dr. Cooper was a wonderful teacher and a great person. He will be missed.*

Cary Jane Malone - Pulaski, TN - Former Student - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

GS

“ *Jamey and I are thinking of all of you, Kevin, Angie, Clark, Patty; and praying for Strength and Peace in your Hearts. We love you!*

Glenda Ferguson - Kingsport, TN - Sistr - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

PC

“ *Jim was loved and respected by those he came into contact with, personally and professionally. Clark, Kevin, Patty and Angie, take the memories and stories with you that I shared with you today, remember how he made connections. Also take pride in knowing that your father spent a lot of time helping others, always giving of himself to make someone else feel better, that is something to be proud of when you think of the memories.*

Pam Arnell - Pulaski, TN - Friend, mentor and colleague - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

RA

“ Dear family,
May You rest in the confidence of God's love. What a Blessing
you're Father was to many. Our hearts go out to you at this time of
grief and know you are not alone.

Love,
Ross and Shirley Hawkins

Ross and Shirley Hawkins - Blountville, TN - Friends of Kevin and Angie -
February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

PD

“ Dear Clark and Kevin,
We were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. We have found
some pictures of our parents together that we would like for you to
have if you want them. Again, we send our condolences.

Caren, Pat and Pam Shapiro

Pat Shapiro Inman - Columbia, TN - Ingrid Shapiro's Daughter - February 10,
2012 at 02:44 PM

NC

“ Jim and I were good friends and colleagues since I worked at
Columbia Area Mental Health Center in the 1980's. This continued
as he rented my office in Nashville one day a week to see clients,
and recently monthly at my office in Brentwood, when I moved
there. He was such a gracious and caring friend and lunch
companion. I will miss him!

Nancy Stott - Brentwood, TN - friend, colleague - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

SF

“ Clark and Kevin,

So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Sue Caldwell - Knoxville, TN - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

GK

“ *On behalf of the Neathamer family, we want to express condolences to the Cooper family for their loss. The Neathamers thought so much of Jimmy and his family!*

George Humphreys - Drakesboro , KY - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

RF

“ *Mary, Clark, and Kevin .. I am so sorry to hear of Jim passing. I recall when you all came to Pulaski and we were neighbors. I would really enjoy the times Jim would take me flying in the Tri Pacer and Tail Dragger. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Randy Cane - Nashville, TN - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ The first time I met Dr Cooper was when he and Clark came to our house with a motorcycle tied onto the car. Clark had asked me if I would ride a motorcycle if he brought one by. I said, "Oh sure!" never dreaming that he would actually come some 12 miles with his dad. What an adventurous family. It was wonderful having both Clark and Kevin in class and I later met Mary. They all have been an inspiration to me.

May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you.

In Sympathy, Jean and Harry Bryan

Jean Bryan - Pulaski/Lawrenceburg, TN - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

SA

“ We send our condolences to the Cooper family. We are praying for God's peace and comfort to surround you during this difficult time.

Steve and Tish Perri - Kingsport, TN - Friends of Kevin and Angie - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Dr. Cooper. I was blessed with the opportunity to talk with Dr. Cooper on several occasions involving some very personal issues and he was truly a Godsend in helping me overcome many obstacles. He was a true blessing to me, as well as a friend. Love in Christ, Lyndell S. Creecy

Lyndell Creecy - Pulaski, TN - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

LC

“ Kevin, Jeff and I are sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Lynn J Hamby - Pulaski, TN - GCHS classmates - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

DB

“ Kevin and Angie, I am thinking of you. May God hold you especially close right now. Know that many prayers and much love come in this note.

Deborah Barkley - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

AF

“ Jimmy and I grew up together in the same church, Edgefield Baptist in Nashville. He and my brother, George, were very good friends and the same age, graduating from East High School together. Jimmy's mother, Hope Cooper was our math teacher at East and a very dear friend at church. We were with them when John Clark, Jimmy's brother was killed in his military plane crash. Both boys loved model airplanes and had them all over their home. Jimmy's dad sang bass in our church choir and had a beautiful deep voice. Jimmy and I dated awhile before I left for college in 1952. Years later, my husband, Dr. Charles Beck consulted with and sent patients to Jimmy.

We are just soooo sorry for his untimely death. He should have had many more years left in llife. Sincerely, Angela Logan Beck

Angela Logan Beck - Madison, TN - Longtime friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ Dear Angie & Kevin,

Please know that I am lifting up your family up in prayer at this difficult time. I pray the good LORD will give you Peace and Comfort today and in the days to come.

Julana McClellan

Julana McClellan - Kingsport, TN - Friend of Angie, Kevin & family - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

PF

“ Jimmy was a dear friend of mine and my late husband, George. They had a deep and lasting friendship. I have joyful memories of the many good times we shared.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great sorrow.

Peggy (Graham) Bryan

Peggy M. Bryan - Sandia Park, NM - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

EF

“ It breaks my heart to hear about the loss of Jim. He was loved by many in my family and will be greatly missed and always remembered. R.I.P Mr. Jim Cooper you will always have a special place in my heart for changes you made in my family!

Elizabeth O'Neal - Cumberland City , TN - friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ I will remember you always dr. cooper ...your the BEST ever!!! you sure could make me laugh!!!

trudy - leoma, TN - friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM