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The son of Dora Bell Underwood Cooper and Wilbur Thaddeus Cooper, was born at home on Oil Ridge, Sistersville, Tyler County, West Virginia. The family attended Buck Run Church of Christ.

After losing his father at an early age, Phil became the man of the house. He tended the family farm until joining the U.S. Army, in which he served for nine years.

He never knew a stranger, often helping people in need with food, shelter, and clothing. He thought nothing of driving miles out of his way to take someone where they needed to be. He treated animals with the same affection. He always kept pets, and his puppy, Oscar, sure does miss him. He once rescued an injured Bald Eagle, caring for it overnight until he could get it to a rescue center. He had a lifelong devotion to hunting and fishing, scarcely ever missing a season, and was an accomplished marksman with bows and firearms of every description. He was even a pro at getting up on water skis.

He was an artist early in life. The teachers in his elementary school would ask him to draw holiday scenes on their blackboards with colored chalk. This

artistry carried over to his career, as a floor covering installer, for more than fifty years.

His multitude of friends across the country affectionately knew him by many different nicknames: Hill-Billy, Cat in the Hat, and Deadeye are just a few. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Dora; his stepfather, Ralph Mikes; his siblings, Ralph David Mikes and Thyresa Lyn Mikes.

He is survived by:

Siblings

Sharon Ziccardi, Louisville, OH
Norma McCourt, Louisville, OH
Joe Cooper (Diane), Lewisville, OH
Ramona Mowder (Allen), Paden City, WV
Jeff Mikes, Anchorage, AK
Jim Mikes, Paden City, WV

Children

Tina Cooper
Phillip Lonnie Cooper
Shawn Phillip Cooper (Ashley)
Crystal Carissimi

As well as six grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

There will be a small memorial on May 22, 2021 from 2pm-5pm at;
Waterford Eagles
1067 S. Cass Lake Road

Waterford MI, 48328

There will also be a small celebration of Phil's life in West Virginia but the date is still TBD.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your friend, Terrie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Phillip S. Cooper.*



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“ *While I never had the privilege to meet the man, you can learn of a father through their children. In having got to know his daughter over the past couple years, I know her dad was a good father by the work ethic and compassion for others I have seen in his daughter. A good father engages their children and there is no doubt he did that. Not only do I know from the character he passed down generationally that he was a good man, but I also know from the stories his daughter tells and the genuine love she has for her father. She may not know it, but her smile brightened and eyes twinkled a bit more whenever she talked about him. You could see the strong bond that was formed in how she cared for him the best any child could and worried herself of his best interests. While these times are hard, and so quick and short, there is comfort in the memories and while there is the longing for more, there is hope of a reunion one day. While I never had a chance to meet him, he will always be a part of those who have and so in a sense I have been blessed by him through you. Stay strong, stay connected, praying and here for you.*

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