



Michael John Cooper

October 21, 1950 - January 24, 2021

Michael John Cooper, 70 of Charlotte, a devoted family man and 25-year veteran of the Eaton County Sheriff Office, died January 24, 2021 at home with his beloved family by his side. Born on October 21, 1950 in Lansing to Clarence and Arlene (French) Cooper, Mike grew up as the only boy in a family with two sisters, and learned quickly how to protect and care for those he loved.

Mike served his country in Vietnam from 1968-1970 in the 101st Airborne. When he returned, he married the love of his life, Penny Deverman, in 1970. Together they raised their daughters, Shannon and Tonya, and enjoyed as much time with family as possible, including time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren as their family grew up. His family meant everything to Mike, they were his true love and passion in life.

Traveling west during winter months, Mike enjoyed riding his Razor with the Desert Creek riding group in Bullhead City, AZ. He also loved going to hunting camp the "Hale Creek Club" with his best friends. Mike worked for 25 years at the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, retiring as a detective and the first K-9 dog handler in Eaton County with his partner, Zeb.

Mike is survived by his wife of 50 years, Penny; daughters, Shannon Jungel and Tonya Cooper; grandchildren, Michael Cooper, Taylor Jungel, Hailey

Jungel, Nicholas Jungel, and Jordan Stralnic; great-grandchildren, Hope Cooper, Daisy Cooper, Brantley Cooper, Miles Jungel, and Ella Smithers; sister, Roxanne Graham; sisters-in-law, Carolyn (Larry) Masseau, and Pam (Larry) VanDorpe; brothers-in-law, Paul Kays and Dave (Ellen) Deverman,; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, Rose and David Deverman; sister, Nancy Kays; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Graham; and grandson, Austin Cooper.

Friends are encouraged to support Mike's family at visitation, funeral services, and by visiting his tribute page to share memories at www.PrayFuneral.com. Funeral services are Thursday, January 28, 3:00 PM at the Charlotte Assembly of God with Pastor Jack Brown officiating. Visitation is prior to the service, from 12 to 3:00 PM at the Assembly of God. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Disabled American Veterans (dav.org/donate). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God
1100 E. Clinton Trl.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Michael John Cooper*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 28, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael John Cooper*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Dear Penny,
We were so sorry to read about Mike's passing!
What fun memories we have of all those guys playing ball while we moms entertained our cute, little girls & tried to watch the game.
Then we all went to Wendy's for a fast dinner & laughed as the guys told how great they all played.
Sending our prayers to all of you as you mourn such a fun ,
hardworking man!
Sheri & Bill McKinstry*

Sheri McKinstry - February 19, 2021 at 02:27 PM

DS

“ Penny, Shannon, Tonya & family
I am so deeply Sorry to hear of Mike's passing.
I'm honored to say that I had the opportunity to
know and enjoy many memories with your
family.
You are all in my thoughts & prayers.



Daneen Shumaker - January 30, 2021 at 03:42 PM

KS

“ Penny and girls, thanks for sharing Mike with us all these years, he
was a great inspiration and friend. He inspired me to become a K-9
handler with Eaton County and for that and so much more I
appreciate and always enjoyed Mike his company.

Karl Scribner

Karl Scribner - January 28, 2021 at 10:45 PM

RR

“ I remember growing up with Penny. My prayers and condolences to
Penny and her family for the loss of Michael. R.I.P. Michael. Need
anything Penny let me know. I sent a memorial for you to remember
Michael. Love and hugs.

*Robin
Family*

Robin Rogers - January 28, 2021 at 06:26 PM

PH

“ Mike was a great friend for a long, long time. He was loved and will be missed by many.

A sad day.

Pat Hutting, ECSO retired.

Patrick Hutting - January 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM

WB

“ I first met Mike when we both attended K9 school at MSU. Right away he became somewhat of a mentor as he had been involved with police K9s for some time and was training his second dog. Mike had a great gift for lifting your spirits when a training day had not gone that well. He encouraged me to keep muddling along with humor and wise advice. This relationship grew into friendship and continued on throughout my K9 years. We both eventually retired and went our separate ways but I was always grateful to Mike for helping my dog and I to become the best team we could be. When ever I think of those training weeks, the Lot Y parties and the success I had with my dog I always think of Mike. Those are memories that will never be forgotten. My heartfelt condolences to Penny and the rest of Mike's family. God needed a good K9 handler/trainer and now he has one.

Bill Burtch Lansing Police retd./K9 Chase

william burtch - January 28, 2021 at 09:44 AM

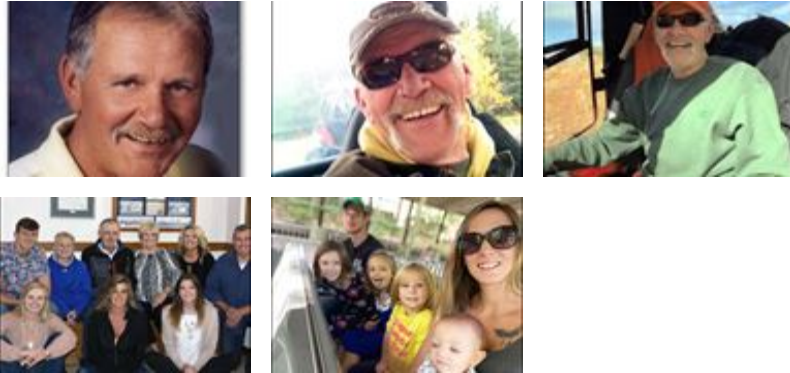
LS

“ I was so sorry to read about Michael's death. I met him and his family when Austin was born and spent time in Sparrow's NICU. I have often thought of him and the family. My condolences.

linda Schoenl - January 27, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 27, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ I was proud to have known Mike through the years working for the County. He will be missed.

Deb Martin - January 27, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Michael John Cooper .



January 27, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ penny and family i am sorry for your loss mike was a great addition to the sheriffs dept and a wonderful person to know my prayers are with you lloyd miller

lloyd miller - January 26, 2021 at 11:12 PM

LC

“ Dearest Penny and family,
We know your heart is heavy, but may you find peace and comfort knowing how Mike was loved by so many. In our phone conversations with him the past few months, he never failed to mention his love for you and the entire family. The memories from working with Mike at the Sheriff Department for 25 years are something I will never forget. Not just a working relationship but a personal one also. May GOD hold him in HIS arms and bless you all.
Larry and Judi Craver

Larry and Judi Craver - January 26, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Cooper .



January 26, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DS

“ Sorry for your lost Penny, Mike was a great friend, we had some great time together in BHC,Az. my condolence to the family. Rest in peace buddy.

Dick Sternat - January 26, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael John Cooper .*



January 26, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH DAD YOUR MY BEST FRIEND AND IT IS GOING TO BE VERY HARD WITHOUT YOU ILL TAKE CARE OF GRANDMA AND THE KIDS REST EASY MY BEAUTIFUL ANGEL YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART TILL WE MEET AGAIN DAD I PROMISED YOU I WOULD MAKE YOU PROUD* 😭❤️💋💋💋



Michael A Cooper - January 26, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Mike was definitely his own life force...a great guy to work and laugh with. Always had your back... Prayers, hugs and peace to all of his amazing family.*

Tracey Fox - January 26, 2021 at 12:36 PM

SJ

“ *Wish I could be there. Mike was good Deputy to work with. Never had to worry about whether he had my back in any situation. Thoughts & Prayers from Janice & I for Penny and the rest of the family. He will be sorely missed.*

Steven T Jackson - January 26, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael John Cooper .*



January 26, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SK

“ *Penny, Shannon, and Tonya, My heart breaks for all of you. You have all have been there for my family when we needed you most. I appreciate everything Mike did for me and the kids when we were neighbors, especially when he would keep on going mowing my yard when he was out doing his own. Take care and hold on to each other and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless, Sally Kapenga (Dipple)*

Sally Kapenga - January 26, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Shannon, and family, my sincere condolences on your loss. My heart is heavy with the news on Mike. Mike was indeed a one of a kind, to have the honor to get to know Mike was a great blessing, It didn't take us long to get comfortable with each other, and the beaming smile on his face whenever we saw each other was the reward of the friendship we made. R.I.P. my good friend, and the family can be so proud of his life in this time of sorrow. God bless, Aaron

Aaron Maurer - January 26, 2021 at 09:29 AM

MC

“ Shannon, my sincere condolences on your loss. I always enjoyed hearing about your Father and great respect for him including what a loving and caring relationship that you had together.

Michael D. Cooper - January 26, 2021 at 09:03 AM

MY

“ Our hearts go to you all. We were so lucky to be neighbors and then friends for so many years to Shannon, Tim and kids which led to Penny and Mike. One thing known by anyone who met Mike, is that he loved his family and would fiercely defend, all without saying a word.. 😊 but one look at that big smile and you also knew he had a soft side . Watching him come check on their home, helping out, mowing Shannon's lawn ,just those little things to help showed that. . We are very fortunate to have known him. Your family will need each other, our prayers and love to go all. Mark,Amy,Olivia and Elizabeth Young. ❤️

Mark,Amy,Olivia and Elizabeth Young - January 25, 2021 at 11:55 PM

BN

“ Penny, Shannon, Tonya and family. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. As you know I had a lot of great memories of Mike and your family. He was like a second Dad to me growing up. I cherish my memories of our Florida trip when I was 15yrs old, I had a wonderful time. Many memories over the years of your whole family. I love you all. Mike will be missed. R.I.P Mike God Speed

Brenda Newman - January 25, 2021 at 09:43 PM

SG

“ Penny & family, our sincere condolences and prayers go out to all of you. Although we didn't see Mike that often, the times that we did get to visit with him at Pam & Larry's were great. He was such a personable man and fun to be around. He will be missed by many, I'm sure. Hugs to all of you.



Sharon & Don Gingras - January 25, 2021 at 07:31 PM

TZ

“ My heart goes out to mike's family . He was a great family man and a wonderful neighbor.

Toni Zubrick - January 25, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ Penny, I'm so sorry for your great loss. Know that he's at peace & free of pain looking down on you & your family. May you find comfort & peace amongst your loving family. God bless Carmen Skidmore

Carmen skidmore - January 25, 2021 at 06:23 PM

SK

“ So sorry, Penny. We will be in Hawaii and won't be able to make the service. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sharon Powell and Gale Knoll - January 25, 2021 at 05:59 PM