



## Timothy H Cooper

May 14, 1954 - October 4, 2012

Timothy H. Coop Cooper, 58, of Charlotte passed away on October 4, 2012 at Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte, MI. He was born on May 14, 1954 to Bob and Beverly (Roan) Cooper in Charlotte. Tim graduated from Charlotte High School in 1972. While attending Lansing Community College he worked as a Respiratory Therapist at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte and completed his paramedic training in 1978. In that same year, he began teaching in the LCC EMS programs as a part-time faculty member. It was during his time there that he earned the name Coop, as he was affectionately known by his students and fellow faculty members. Those were the days of Emergency, a popular 1970s television show which introduced paramedics to the world. Coop became a lifetime fan, holding Squad 51 characters Johnny Gage and Roy DeSoto, in high regard. Coop's office displayed many pieces of Emergency memorabilia. As a popular instructor, Coop was most interested in the success of his students. Likewise, his students demonstrated appreciation for their instructor by keeping him updated on their career pursuits. Many students maintained contact with Coop, many years after their graduation. Tim also shared a close relationship with the faculty and office staff at LCC. Tim was presented with the 1992 Distinguished Faculty Award by LCC, recognizing his work with the EMS programs. In 2006, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. A lifetime devoted to the education of countless EMS providers has now ended. The final

ambulance ride, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, is over. Coop has left a large hole to fill. He will be missed by his friends, family and his LCC EMS family. Tim is survived by his father; sisters Laura Cooper and Robin (Scott) Stair; nephews Nic and Ben Kimble; Jason, Jeremy, Justin and Jacob (Katie Knapp) Stair; niece, Jacqueline (Ian Vanderlinde) Stair; his faithful companion, Boomer; and great nephew, Parker Kimble; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Beverly Cooper. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm and Monday, October 8 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 3:30 pm at Dart Auditorium in Lansing with Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ferris and Rev. Phil Hobson officiating. Burial will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life or Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Thinking of you all, at this time of year; many fond memories remain with us; we were just 'remembering' some of the fun we had in the 'old days' with Tim....those will always remain; may God continue to grant you all 'healing days' and fond memories. Sue

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**Susan Taylor** - September 28, 2013 at 08:36 PM

SL

“ We will miss Tim's constant smile. We will always remember Tim in the Charlotte Band at camp and on the band trips. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Steve & Mary Latchaw** - October 14, 2012 at 06:51 PM

PH

“ Dear Uncle Bob, Laura and Robin and families I am so sorry for your loss. When things are tough you can get through it all, because you are tougher. You are wonderful people and Tim was too. Hugs

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**Patty Heinze** - October 11, 2012 at 01:12 PM

SK

“ I worked with Tim for many years at LCC. What a beautiful service for him today! It was filled with the love, care and laughter he gave so freely to us all. I am glad your family had the chance to be surrounded by the love that others have for Tim and see a few of the faces and hearts he has touched. At work Tim always had my back, and we shared many good talks over the years. I know I will think of Tim often and wish he was still with us. I always have, and always will, think about Tim on May 14th. My daughter was born on his birthday 28 years ago. It will always be a day that I smile and send a prayer of thanks for having known Tim.

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**Sherry Kohlmann** - October 10, 2012 at 12:19 AM

PR

“ Robin and Family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother and family member. I remember him coming to our house all the time for my Grandmother. She always liked him and thought allot of him. God bless you and your family and I will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Penny (Patrick) Ryan** - October 09, 2012 at 09:43 PM

KG

“ I worked with Tim 10 years ago and he always brought a smile to my face via his caring and the humor he brought to everyone.

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**Kris Garcia** - October 09, 2012 at 09:34 PM

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“ I've met Tim in the year 2000/2001 working at HHS at LCC. He was funny and lovely. Always teasing me about my brazilian accent and making me laugh a lot. Still remember watching the 9/11 shocking news with him at our job's tv... feels like yesterday. Rest in peace, dear Timmy!

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**Lillianne Doria (Lilly)** - October 09, 2012 at 09:22 PM

KC

“ Tim worked with my aunt, Dorothy Carpenter, at EMS instruction at LCC. In her life, she always spoke fondly of Tim and our family had many opportunities to meet him. He was a wonderful individual who left a lasting impact. Deepest condolences.

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**Karen Carpenter** - October 09, 2012 at 09:10 PM

AS

“ I was very sad to hear of Tim's passing. He was a good friend of my Aunt Dorothy Carpenter and one of her students. She was proud of him. My cousins and I were his patients in his early learning simulation while learning to be a paramedic. We all liked him and I think he had fun with us. My husband had Tim as an instructor and thought highly of him as well. Farewell to a great instructor and family friend.

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**Ann (Carpenter) Selleck** - October 09, 2012 at 08:21 PM

JG

“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH TIM'S FAMILY DURNING THIS DIFFICULT TIME MR. COOPER WAS MY EMT INSTRUCTOR DURING THE 1990-1991 SCHOOL YEAR HE ALWAYS HAD POSITIVE AND KIND WORDS TO SAY I STILL HAVE THE COIN HE GAVE ALL THE GRADUATES TO USE WHILE APPROACHING A SCENE TO LOOK THINGS OVER HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED WHILE I'VE MOVED AWAY AND LOST TOUCH I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN HIM AND THE EFFECT HE HAD ON MY LIFE I'M NOW DOING 911 DISPATCHING IN TENNESSEE AND USE THE SKILLS HE TAUGHT ME

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**jon goodrich** - October 09, 2012 at 09:32 AM

CS

“ My condolences to all of Tim's family, friends, and loved ones. Though I never met Tim, he meant a great deal to a very dear friend of mine and I've heard many great stories about Tim. The sadness of his loss seems diminished by the fond memories his friends will always have.

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**Craig Smith** - October 09, 2012 at 12:06 AM

SN

“ My condolences to the Cooper family, you have many wonderful memories of Tim that will help you through this time. Tim always had a smile on, I can still hear his laugh 40 years after we graduated.

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**Sarah Wood Nichols** - October 08, 2012 at 08:55 PM

SS

“ Sharing DEEPEST SYMPATHIES and Sincere Condolences for Tim Cooper! In fond remembrance from his LCC-MAHE Friends & Colleagues!!

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**Suzanne Sawyer** - October 08, 2012 at 12:36 PM

DB

“ We just want to send our sympathies to all of the family at this sad time. You're in our thoughts & prayers. Dan & Amy Brown

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**Dan & Amy Brown** - October 08, 2012 at 11:03 AM

SB

“ Tim was such a sweet, funny, wonderful, generous, bigger than life kinda guy. I met him in January of 1990 and was fortunate to work (and play and laugh) with him for 6 years. Even took Ballroom Dance with him. We were lousy but boy did we have fun. He will leave a huge void in the hearts of many.

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**Sharon Bouth** - October 08, 2012 at 10:22 AM

RH

“ Our family is praying for all of you during this difficult time. He was such a wonderful guy.

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**Rich, Theresa, Matt & Jenna Hart** - October 08, 2012 at 07:58 AM

JT

“ My heart and prayers are with all of Tims Family and Friends. He was one great person. I got to know him when I was in the Charlotte Band. He was one of the kindess, most caring individual I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He could cheer you up when you were down, and celebrate with you when you were up. Through the years our paths would meet, and he would always take the time to talk and be interested in how your life was going. I am sure there are many, many people alive today because of his dedication to his profession. Farewell my friend you will be missed by multitudes. God Bless, Joyce (Baum) Taylor

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**joyce (Baum) Taylor** - October 08, 2012 at 06:29 AM

IH

“ So sorry for your loss your in our thoughts always.

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**Iva Hopkins** - October 07, 2012 at 05:55 PM

KA

“ I had Cooper as an instructor at LCC as did so many. He is one person that I will never forget, He truly cared about all the people that went through that program and cared about what happened in the end to all of us. His legacy will live on forever in the people he has touched. The EMS world will never be the same again. I can say without him I would not be where I am today. He will be missed by so many

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**Kath** - October 07, 2012 at 10:02 AM

MC

“ My life was forever changed because of "Coop". I was a young kid who wanted to make a difference in the world and under his guidance I discovered I actually could make that difference. He was my Leader at Grand Ledge EMS when I first became an EMT and I learned more from him than anyone else. He taught me how compassion could make as much a difference in treating a patient as medicine. He taught me strength and encouraged me to seek my world, even when that world may have not been what others thought was right. I am who I am today and where I am at today because he stood by me and believed in me. I still have the letter he gave me the day I left Grand Ledge and got in my car to drive to Florida, telling me not to read it until I got here. I cry every time I read it still to this day. He touched every person who had the good fortune of meeting him and the world has lost a great Soul but the Lord above has gained a true Angel. I will forever be thankful for the years I worked with Tim in Grand Ledge and will keep my memories close to my heart. We used to watch Price is Right every day, play the words games from the paper with looser making the lunch. And will always have those days of watching the first Michael Jackson Thriller shows on the TV. Thank you for allowing him to give so much of himself to me, I am Blessed to have had him in my life. May Peace be with his whole family. ~ Margaret "Maggie Mae" McKenzie (Ireland) 5923 Sand Key Lane Wesley Chapel, Florida 33545

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**Maggie McKenzie (Ireland)** - October 07, 2012 at 10:02 AM

MD

“ Sending prayers for this difficult time. I worked with Tim at GL EMS for many years and have a lot of fun memories of him.

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**Michelle Dake** - October 07, 2012 at 09:21 AM

ST

“ Dear Friends, We were so saddened to hear of Tim's passing, but also know that now, his suffering is over. We were able to spend some wonderful moments with him, just a couple of weeks ago, @ Hope Landing; what fun we had, reminiscing about old times. Tim was one of the first Co-Workers, that I had, when working nights at "THE BEACH". I was a very new, 'green' nurse, and Tim made sure that I was welcomed and 'oriented' to the old E.R., as only he could do! What fun we had, in those days! The old white ambulance would roll up to the double doors, and Tim would 'hop out', always very capable, and down to business with what had to be done; there were so many laughs, and also some sad times, but those are the making of a great friendship. Never did he miss a chance to help me out, and I certainly needed alot of help in those days. Those who laud his talent as a great teacher and mentor, are very accurate. You will missed, dear one, but never forgotten.....Sue Taylor (one of the "Golden Girls", as he called us!)

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**Sue Taylor** - October 06, 2012 at 09:01 PM

SD

“ Tim knew,when he was teaching, that he was making a difference and those times when you thought you did your best, he knew (and told you) it wasn't enough. Tim helped to save countless lives by teaching all of us the "Right Stuff". RIP my freind and thanks.

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**Steve Babcock, Firefighter Lansing Fire Department** - October 06, 2012 at 05:34 PM

DB

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the Cooper Family.

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**Darry & Gina Brown** - October 06, 2012 at 11:18 AM

DL

“ To THe Family of Tim Cooper: Thankyou for sharing him with others. Tim was everyones brother and at time confidant. Words cannot express the loss that everyone feels. Tim was my lab instructor in paramedic class and my cheerleader. He will be greatly missed but his memory and legacy will live on in each student that he touched. I leave you with heartfelt sympathy

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**Deborah Lynch** - October 06, 2012 at 10:20 AM

JN

“ My thoughts are with Tim's family, such a lost for you and all that have known Tim. I met Tim many years ago, worked with him at HGB. Have a lot of great memories, he was a great leader and friend. He will be missed.

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**JoeAnn Nehmer** - October 06, 2012 at 03:18 AM

LN

“ Wanted to tell you that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. i worked with Tim at LCC and he always had a special place in my heart and he always knew how to make me smile. when my mother was sick, she fell in love with him. He would come and care for her so I could go to my home for a rest. I wish I could help organize a scholarship fund for a EMS student at LCC. I am physically unable to this t this time but would encourage to think about this. There are so many people that would love to give in his name to honor what he did for all of us God Bless. Lois Nealey

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**Lois Nealey** - October 06, 2012 at 12:46 AM

DS

“ Tim, "Coop".. This world, many people, and EMS services are educated and professionally respected because of your contribution to the life and field of EMS. Our hearts will be saddened by your passing, but we can celebrate with others what you gave to all you touched. The many runs we shared together, and the joyous times we shared will never be forgotten. You were a true inspiration, mentor, and friend to many. There are many lives that you touched and saved. RIP Tim...Dan

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**Dan Southwell** - October 05, 2012 at 11:01 PM

MA

“ Tim. I hope you left us knowing how much you were loved by SO MANY.. So many messages of pure love for you. So many lives you have touched. Thank you for being my friend. Thank you for listening to me. Thank you for making me smile/laugh/almost pee my pants with your twisted sense of humor (gee... just like me!) You were special to so many, obviously. I will see you on the other side, my friend. And we will pull some shenanigans like crazy.

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**Marcy** - October 05, 2012 at 09:48 PM

BP

“ Albert Pine wrote what we do for ourselves dies when we die. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. Tim certainly has done a tremendous amount for others. His lessons will live on forever thru his students and instructors. Thank you Tim for all you have done for me and my family. RIP Coop. Lt Bill Pawluk LFD/LCC and proud member of your first EMT class of 1990.

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**Bill Pawluk** - October 05, 2012 at 05:08 PM