



William A. Cooper

May 16, 1945 - April 11, 2026

William A. Cooper, 80, of Charlotte, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away April 11, 2026. William was born May 16, 1945, in Charlotte, Michigan, to Hugh F. and Almary E. (Root) Cooper. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1964 to 1968, attaining the rank of E3. Following his service, he built a strong and steady work ethic throughout his career, retiring from A.E. Hoover, Pinkerton Security at General Motors, Meijer where he worked as a supervisor, and Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN) where he served as a bus driver. On August 1, 1970, Bill married Martha, and together they built a life centered on love and family, raising their son, Andrew.

Bill enjoyed the outdoors and could often be found hunting, fishing, golfing, playing cards, or pursuing his interest in firearms. As his health declined, he found comfort in quieter pastimes such as word puzzles and watching television. He was a proud member of the VFW, a former member of the American Legion, and Eagles, and he cherished the camaraderie those organizations provided. Bill also loved to travel, especially to destinations near the water. Above all, family was at the heart of Bill's life, and the time he spent with them brought him his greatest joy.

William is survived by his wife of 55 years, Martha; son, Andrew (Michelle) Cooper; two granddaughters, Macie Kay (Karter) Whitsel and Ellie Nicole

Cooper; great-grandson, Huddson; and brothers-in-law, Bill Groleau and Roger McDonald; and numerous nephews, nieces, and extended family members. He was predeceased by his sisters, Nancy McDonald and Linda Groleau; his brothers, Richard Cooper and Robert Cooper; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support William's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 6 - 8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on William's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care or the American Diabetes Association. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

APR **17.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of William A. Cooper*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 17 at 09:20 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of William A. Cooper*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 14 at 04:34 PM

BK

Great tribute. We only knew him for 3 years. Bill and Martha were the first people to welcome us to the neighborhood. I will cherish my conversation with Bill and our little Bailey (maltipoo puppy) Bill loved visiting her on his golf cart. He will definitely be missed.

Bernard kilmartin - April 15 at 04:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William A. Cooper.*



April 16 at 04:49 PM



“ *Bill and I shared twin mothers. He was the last of the Cooper children, I am the last of the Ells children. Roger Ash's mother was a sister also, and he and I are now the only children left. Great memories of growing up and families being together. God speed Bill.*

Marilyn Briggs - April 15 at 11:07 AM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 14 at 04:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Cooper.



April 14 at 02:04 PM



“ Mike & Jessica Carpenter purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William A. Cooper.



Mike & Jessica Carpenter - April 11 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William A. Cooper.

April 11 at 07:10 PM



“ RIP Bill, you have been a part of my family's life for a long time. You will be missed!



Pam Johnson - April 11 at 06:30 PM

DH

Bill was one of my favorite people. He always had a great joke to share. The last time I talked with him he said he had a present for me but I had to come to Michigan to get it. A kiss. I'm sure he's on the beach at Cape San Blas right now.

Donna Henderson - April 12 at 06:27 PM

SJ

“ Sam, Marilyn, Amy Ellison & Josh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William A. Cooper.

Sam, Marilyn, Amy Ellison & Josh - April 11 at 05:41 PM

SJ

“ Sam, Marilyn, Amy Ellison & Josh purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William A. Cooper.



Sam, Marilyn, Amy Ellison & Josh - April 11 at 05:41 PM

TR

“ Martha, very sorry to see that Bill passed away. It was so nice to see you both at the reunion and glad I had the chance to briefly talk with Bill. I pray the Lord gives you and your family peace and comfort.

Thomas Raymond - April 11 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of William A. Cooper*



Chuck Brandon - April 11 at 04:38 PM

CB

RIP My Friend

Chuck Brandon - April 11 at 04:39 PM