



## Phillip Ray Cooper Sr.

January 21, 1940 - January 8, 2022

The funeral service will be live-streamed starting at 9:45AM on Bartlesville First Wesleyan Church's Facebook page, <https://m.facebook.com/First-Wesleyan-Church-Bartlesville-136121018630/>

Phillip "Phil" Ray Cooper, Sr., of Bartlesville went to live with Jesus on Saturday, January 8, 2022, in Dewey, OK.

Phil was born the son of Herbert Lee and Clara (Potts) Cooper on January 21, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Phil's family moved to Indiana when he was very young where they lived for several years before moving back to Ohio. He left home and school at the young age of 15, working various jobs including shoe sales, shoe manufacturing and as a caddy at local golf clubs. Caddying sparked his lifelong love for the game.

Phil met Alice Ayers at her parents' home in Cincinnati while visiting one of her siblings with a friend. He began attending the North Fairmount Pilgrim Holiness church with the Ayers siblings and became a part of the youth group. During this time Phil became a Christian. He and Alice began dating in 1961 and were married on March 10, 1962.

He enrolled in Hughes Evening High School, graduating in 1964. In that same year he received a call to the ministry and the family moved to Springfield, MO. There he worked with his friend, Wayne Lyon, pastor of the Springfield Pilgrim Church. In addition, he attended Southwest Missouri State College. Vocationally, Phil worked in insurance and finance. In 1967 he was transferred to St. Louis and attended The St. Louis Pilgrim Church. He frequently traveled to Hannibal, MO, to fill the pulpit and took correspondence courses for pastoral ministry.

In 1973, with a district pastoral license, Phil began full time ministry in southwest Missouri. He pastored The Whittenburg Wesleyan Church until 1978. He then pastored the Wesleyan Church in Hannibal, MO from 1978-1981. He continued his ministerial studies at Hannibal LaGrange College. He also one year as the minister for a local Mennonite

Church. Phil greatly enjoyed his ministry to both congregations.

In 1981 the family moved to Bartlesville where Phil and his daughter, Mary, enrolled at Bartlesville Wesleyan College. Phil completed his bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry in 1986. He worked locally for First Wesleyan Church as the maintenance director while attending college.

Upon graduation Phil served as interim pastor at the Ramona Friends Church from 1986-88. In recent years Phil held Sunday afternoon services once a month at Green Country Assisted Living. He worked at Winslow and Met Life Insurance companies, Voice of the Martyrs, and as a contractor for Research Triangle Institute.

Phil loved the Lord and was active in the ministries of the church. He enjoyed music and sang in choirs and quartets wherever he lived. He and Alice often sang duets for church and other events. Phil never met a stranger and he loved to laugh and tell jokes. He will be greatly missed.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Alice, of 60 years, three children, Mary Alice (Mike) McCombs, Phil (Ela) Cooper Jr., and Rich (Leticia) Cooper; siblings Sandra Nevergall, Reita Hornbeck, Paul Cooper and Darrell Cooper. Seven grandchildren, Joshua Cole, Madison Cole, Raelle (Wallace) Cole, Shelby Cooper, Zoe (Brent) Kehrle, Alycia Perez and Anaya Cooper; and great grandchildren Jayden and Nada Kehrle. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Roger Cooper and sister Carol Gillenwater.

Phil's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, on Thursday, from 5-7 pm. Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 10 am-8 pm. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pre-born at [preborn.org](http://preborn.org) or to Samaritan's Purse at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held 10 am. on Friday, at First Wesleyan Church, with Pastor Joe Colaw officiating. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Family and Friends Gathering

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Wesleyan Church  
1776 Silver Lake Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.fwcbartlesville.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phillip Ray Cooper Sr.*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - January 12, 2022 at 05:37 PM

BB

*To Mrs Cooper, Rich and family, Sharon and I feel the pain and sorrow of loss of a Great Man and neighbor...We have had the privilege of living next door.for these many years. Phil, we will never forget you and will miss you for the rest of our lives...Prayers for peace and comfort to your family ....Brewers*

**Bill and Sharon Brewer** - January 13, 2022 at 09:47 PM

HB

“ *Phil, we will forever miss you, dear friend! What a wonderful reunion we'll have in Heaven one day! We have so many happy memories with you and Alice. You leave behind a Godly legacy for your family and friends and this is worth more than any earthly treasure.*

**Howard E Brecheisen** - January 11, 2022 at 06:54 PM

SW

“ *Uncle Phil loved playing games and we always had a lot of fun when we visited with him and Aunt Alice when we were teenagers. Prayers to his family.*



**Sandy Whittle** - January 11, 2022 at 06:22 PM

FO

“ *From DR. PRIBIL'S Office lit a candle in memory of Phillip Ray Cooper Sr.*



**From DR. PRIBIL'S office** - January 11, 2022 at 01:17 PM

BG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Phil's passing. May you find peace in this time knowing he is now home. Love to all of the family. Byrne and Chris Greer

Byrne Greer - January 11, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phillip Ray Cooper Sr..



January 10, 2022 at 08:02 PM

JM

“ We were honored to have Rev. Phil Cooper perform our wedding ceremony on April 30th, 1977. We were one of Phil's first ceremonies! We will always remember his love for God, his family and his church! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Alice and your children and families. June & Ed Milliken

June Milliken - January 10, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Ray Cooper Sr..



January 10, 2022 at 05:48 PM