

Richard Noel Cooper Jr.

June 15, 1930 - June 17, 2020

Loving father, grandfather and great grandfather Richard Noel Cooper, 90, of Bartlesville, died Wednesday in Bartlesville.

Richard was born the son of Richard (Sr.) and Eva (McKiernan) Cooper on June 15, 1930, in Coffeyville, KS. As a child his family relocated to Wichita, KS, where he attended and graduated from Cathedral High School. While attending Sacred Heart College where he received a bachelor's in chemistry, Richard reconnected with former high school friend Irene Kinderknecht. They quickly fell in love and married on Aug. 29, 1953. Soon after, Richard was inducted into the U.S. Army and Irene joined him at Englewood, MD. Once honorably discharged, Richard began his career with Phillips Petroleum as an engineering consultant, after obtaining a master's in Chemical Engineering. The family was posted to Spain, Borger, Houston, and finally back to Bartlesville.

As an adult, Richard spent a lot of time helping others and volunteering within the community. He volunteered at Dewey Public Schools, Salvation Army, Concern, Mary Martha Outreach, Guardian ad Litem, as well as St John Catholic School. He was a father figure and mentor to many children in the community. Richard loved the Lord and was a faithful member of St. James Catholic Church.

Out of everything in his life, Richard loved his family the most. He and Irene were always together as a dynamic duo. They made sure to attend their grandchildren's many school functions and sporting events to encourage their life pursuits. They also enjoyed travelling, Irene's cooking and 66+1 years of loving marriage before Irene passed away this May.

Richard is survived by two daughters Connie Templeton and husband Todd, Diane Trcka and husband Rob; four grandchildren Amy Everly and fiancé Jeremy Tafolla, Michael Trcka, Allison Trcka, Jamie Templeton; one great-grandson Cooper Lee Templeton; and two sisters Mary Natalie Hutchens and Carolyne Ann Foos; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife as well as his parents and two brothers Joseph and John Cooper.

Visitation will be Sun. noon to 5 p.m. at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville. A rosary will be said Sun. at 5 p.m. in the Walker Brown Chapel. Funeral mass will be held Mon. 11 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

The Family of the late Richard Noel Cooper have expressed their wish to establish a memorial fund honoring the life of Richard Noel Cooper and benefiting The Salvation Army

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JUN 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

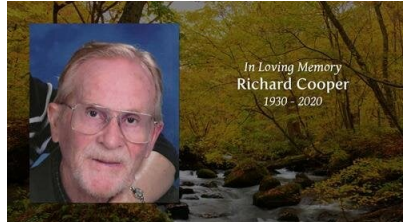
JUN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
5500 Douglas Ln
Bartlesville, OK 74006
<http://www.saintjamescatholicparish.org/>

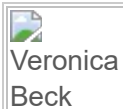
Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Noel Cooper Jr.*



Davis Family Funeral Home - June 21, 2020 at 12:59 PM



Veronica Beck

“ *Mr. Cooper was one of my favorite people to see on Sunday mornings at church. My love and condolences are with you Connie and family...*

Veronica (MacArthur) Beck

Veronica Beck - June 22, 2020 at 08:16 PM

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your father! He was a wonderful man who lived a full life. When I was a special education teacher at Dewey High School, he would drive the school bus and help chaperone at our trip to the Special Olympics Track and Field State Games at Stillwater. All the kids loved and respected him as well as the teachers and administration. He could always be counted on. Prayers of comfort*

Joleah Biellier - June 22, 2020 at 02:46 PM

RO

“ Dear Connie & Dede,

My thoughts, prayers, and hugs are with you.

*Love,
Rosie*

rosemarie - June 21, 2020 at 01:35 PM

SC

“ *Richard was a most Caring, Grandfather and a true treasure. You made a great difference in the lives of many. And will forever be remembered.*

Shelia Cole - June 19, 2020 at 09:16 PM

TF

“ *The Cole, Tafolla Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Noel Cooper Jr..*



The Cole, Tafolla Family - June 19, 2020 at 09:08 PM

VS

“ *Mr. Cooper your were the best of the best it was a honor knowing you
Since our kids are older I haven't seen you for a while your were a special kind of man . REST IN PEACE . Vickie Snellgrove*

Vickie snellgrove - June 19, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JC

“ I worked at Dewey ElementRy where Mr. Cooper was a beloved volunteer for many years. The kids adored him. The teachers appreciated him. He had such a kind soul and was always So friendly with everyone. My favorite memory of Mr. Cooper was when he helped the PTO out for teacher appreciation week and he dressed up as Elvis Presley. The lounge was decorated as a sock hop and he was the photo opt.

Julie Cole - June 18, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Noel Cooper Jr..



June 18, 2020 at 08:37 AM