



## Harold E. Cooper

January 13, 1943 - July 26, 2022

Harold Edward Cooper, 79, of Chesterfield, Michigan, was born in Highland Park, Michigan on January 13, 1943, to Henry and Mavis Cooper and went to be with the Lord on July 26, 2022.

Harold and his "Bride" Jeannette were married in 1964 and enjoyed a loving marriage of over 52 years until her death in 2017.

Harold is survived by his children Ron (Virginia), Don (Thea) and Crystal Smith (Adam Houle). Affectionate Papa to Janine (Yogi), Jeremy (Danielle), Katie, Ashley (Cory), Brady, Cole, Seth, Brennen, Gaven, Nathen, Stephanie, Nikklas, Noah and Cheyann. Old Papa to great-grandchildren Paul, Lillian, Kayla, Mady, Audra, Lachlyn, Sara, Lilly, Atrayu, Ayden, Todd and Sunny. He is also survived by brother Eddie (Sheila), sister Cindy (Charlie) Collier, brother-in-law James (Carmella) Spinek, sisters-in-law Suzanne Templin and Ann Spinek, as well as many nieces and nephews and special friends Randy and Dona Radcliff.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, parents, son Tom, brother Gary, sister Patricia, grandson Josh and brother-in-law Richard.

Harold was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and loyal friend. He never compromised his belief in God and family and made them his priority. He was always ready with a joke, was a friend to anyone he met, saw the good in people, and gave selflessly to those in need.

Following in his father's footsteps, Harold became an Ironworker Apprentice in 1962 and upgraded to Journeyman in 1965. He was elected Iron Workers

Local Union No. 25 Business Agent in 1973 and Vice-President/Business Agent in 1976. 2022 marks his 60th anniversary as a member of Local 25. In February 1987 Harold was appointed General Organizer of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers and elected President of the Iron Workers District Council of Michigan-Great Lakes and Vicinity serving in these two capacities for seventeen years until his retirement in 2004. Since becoming General Organizer he has served on the General Executive Board and the General Executive Council of the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

Throughout his career, Harold was dedicated to continuing the efforts of his father, Henry, particularly with the pre-engineered sector of Local 25's jurisdiction. Because of Harold's perseverance, the pre-engineered construction industry experienced tremendous growth, with an increase in membership, union contractors and man-hours.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Ironworker Scholarship Fund (Dennis O'Dowd Scholarship Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 965, Novi MI 48376-0965) or the ALS Association, Michigan Chapter at [www.als.org](http://www.als.org).

Visitation is at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors of Sterling Heights on July 31, 2022, from 3:00 until 8:00 pm and on August 1, 2022, from 10:00 until 11:00 am. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home at 11:00am.

Interment to follow at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

Fond memories and online condolences may be offered to the family at <http://www.mandziukfuneralhome.com/>

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East

Clinton Twp., MI

# Previous Events

## Interment

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East  
Clinton Twp., MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold E. Cooper*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Harold E. Cooper*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold E. Cooper.*



July 30, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *DPTMS Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harold E. Cooper.*



**DPTMS Family** - July 29, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Kathleen Bowers lit a candle in memory of Harold E. Cooper*



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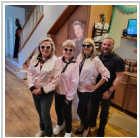
**Kathleen Bowers** - July 29, 2022 at 01:32 PM

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*Don, we are so saddened by the news of your Dad's passing. I feel like I knew him, tho we never met. Always nice stories that we exchanged about our parents. Our prayers are with you all. May God give you strength, comfort and peace. Love and God's Blessing, Jerry and Cindi*

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**Cynthia Vallade** - July 30, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Harold was a member of Fitzgerald High School Class of 1961. He attended every class reunion. After our 50th class reunion he attended several of our Fitz Class 1961 Breakfasts. Including one this year. He usually insisted on paying everyone's bill ! We put our foot down at the one this year ... lol. Lots of fun memories of his jokes and stories. He still insisted on picking one bill of someone who joked about missing out on the paid ones .. lol .. Truly a good person. He will be remembered <3*

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**Kathleen Bowers** - July 29, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold E. Cooper.*



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July 29, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Harold E. Cooper.



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July 29, 2022 at 11:10 AM