



## Thomas Victor Cooper

January 6, 2020

Thomas Victor Cooper, age 72, of Daleville, Virginia, passed away January 6, 2020, at Brookdale Roanoke Memory Care Center as the result of Alzheimer's dementia.

Tom grew up in Keokee, Virginia, a coal-mining community in Southwest Virginia. He graduated from Keokee High School, and Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. He taught and coached at Dryden High School in Dryden, Virginia for two years. His remaining working years were for Fraley's Inc., a family-owned coal mining business in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He and his wife Connie moved to Fincastle, Virginia in 2009. His home church was Fincastle Baptist Church in Fincastle, Virginia.

Jack Cooper and Doris Abercrombie Cooper, his parents, preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Connie Fraley Cooper, sons Matt Cooper of Fincastle, Virginia, and Jon Cooper (Ashlyn) of Daleville, Virginia; grandchildren Chase Cooper, Alan Bayse (Kristen), Lyla Cooper, Mason Cooper and Georgia Cooper; and great-grandchildren Aubrey and Jase Bayse. Jerry Fraley, brother-in-law, and Louise Palmer also survive, along with special cousins Carol and Keith Strevel, Lucrecia and Larry Thomas, Phil and Brenda Cooper, Susan Brown, and Martha and Rusty Necessary.

Tom loved his Heavenly Father, his family, all sports, especially golf, at which

he excelled. He also enjoyed owning, restoring and driving antique vehicles. The Cooper family sincerely thanks Brian Burrall, a former caregiver, all the caregivers at Brookdale Roanoke Memory Care, and Intrepid Hospice of Roanoke, Virginia. May God bless each and every one of you.

The family will receive friends for a service at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2020. The service will follow in the funeral home's chapel with Reverend Alan Collier and Reverend Kevin Cummings officiating; burial will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial donations may be made to Fincastle Baptist Church, P.O. Box 707, Fincastle, Virginia, 24090.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest register or leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Thomas Cooper.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Committal Service

JAN 11. 2:45 PM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens  
5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Victor Cooper*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Connie and family we were o sorry to hear of Tom's passing and we will remember him in our prayers. May the Lord comfort and guide you through this time and send you his blessings. Peace be to you and yours/*

*Jane a& Dick Taylor*

**Jane & Gick Taylor** - January 13, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Tommy was a classmate and friend . We shared many happy times in Keokee,. My heart is heavy with grief at his passing and leaves a void in my fond memories of days gone by. He has always held a happy place in my soul and i look forward to sharing a place with him in eternal life. May peace consume the family he left behind andd follow him in glory.. Carol Duff Combs and family*

**CAROL DUFF COMBS** - January 11, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *I knew Tom when with Fraley's coal and Connie from high school ; my condolences for your loss; I pray God's grace for you all; re: Roger Jones PVHS 1966.*

**James Roger Jones** - January 11, 2020 at 04:05 PM



Darinda Hood

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Love, Your old friends, Carl and Darinda*

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**Darinda Hood** - January 11, 2020 at 02:04 PM

SH

“ *Our lives were blessed to have known Tom and the whole Cooper family. You all set a high bar for love and devotion within a family and to others. Connie, your steadfast devotion to God and Tom and your family would warm any heart.*

*We will remember him with great fondness and will always picture him with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.*

*With Our Love,  
Dennis and Suzette Horton and Family.*

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**Suzette Horton** - January 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Victor Cooper.*



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January 11, 2020 at 08:24 AM

GD

“ One of the finest men we have known! Through countless hours of watching baseball together, Tom made every game so enjoyable with his insight and humor. We marveled at his commitment to Jon as he guided his development from little leaguer to collegiate athlete. His golf skills were unknown to us until we discovered he was the perennial club champion at his golf club. He seemed to excel at everything! Most importantly, we admired so much his devotion to his family and to his Lord. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Connie, Jon, Matt and family with our assurance that Tom Cooper will never be forgotten by the Duffey family.

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**Glenn Duffey** - January 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM

GD

“ Glenn, Kathy, Kevin & Jennifer Duffey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Victor Cooper.



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**Glenn, Kathy, Kevin & Jennifer Duffey** - January 10, 2020 at 04:31 PM

BS

“ OUR LOVE AND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL OF THE FAMILY. YOU WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.  
JIM AND BRENDA SYKES

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**Brenda Sykes** - January 10, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Victor Cooper.*



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January 09, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *I have known Tommy all my life,I lived in Keokee with my family, Bill and Mildred Johnson, my sister Joan and brother Bruce, I never seen Tommy that he wasn't happy and smileing, he never fell to ask about my family, I;m so sorry about his sickness and the lost to his family,he was truly a nice guy . Heaven is sweeter.*  
*Teresa Johnson Moore*



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**teresa johnson moore** - January 09, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ *Love and prayers for this precious family. Every one at DRYDEN High school loved him. Always had a smile and a wonder and beautiful personality. May Gods comfort be with all the family during this time.*



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**Debra Rhea** - January 09, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ So thankful to have had Tom in our family. At first I didn't think anyone would be good enough for my little sister. It didn't take long for me to wonder if I was good enough for Tom. He was my brother-in-law, friend, business partner and brother in Christ. I never saw a more energetic or better prepared worker. Tom was always first whether in preparation or performance. We were involved in many different situations, some tense and some easy, I never saw him mad or lose his cool. We were blessed to be close and able to help with his care these last years. So thankful for that and sad of his passing. Circumstances won't allow us to attend the service but our love and prayers are with our family and friends. Jerry Fraley and Louise

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**Mary Palmer** - January 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Victor Cooper.



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January 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ I went to high school with Tommy. He was a couple years ahead of me, but I always remember him as a witty, very polite young man. He was the first to wear the cologne English Leather! And, all the girls loved that. My cousin, Bill Tom, would give me updates in recent years. And, I was so very sorry to hear about his diagnosis. So my most heart felt condolences to Connie and the family. I pray for God's tender mercy for you all in the days ahead.  
Jan (Scott) Scobey

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**Jan Scobey** - January 08, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CK

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family, Tommy was one of my best friends at KHS, My family moved away in 1964 and I never saw him again after that but often thought of him with fond memories.*

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**Cliff. Kelly** - January 08, 2020 at 03:43 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Salyer lit a candle in memory of Thomas Victor Cooper*



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**Brenda Salyer** - January 08, 2020 at 12:48 PM

BS

“ *Connie and family: Please accept Bill Daugherty's and my sincerest condolences in the loss of Tommy.*

*Bill and I knew him for fifty (50) years and went to school with him. He was always laughing and mischievous and we loved him as our good friend. We will miss him terribly, but know he is whole again. We missed you and him at the reunions -- just weren't the same without you two. We pray for peace for you and the family during his time and we know that God's grace is sufficient. God bless you and your family.*

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**Brenda Salyer** - January 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM

TB

*You have my prayers and sympathy for your loss .Tom and i worked together several years and were close friends and business associates..I cherish our memories.*

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**Tommy N. Bright** - January 08, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TM

*Lois and I met Tom & Connie soon after they began attending Fincastle Baptist Church. Tom & I hit it off immediately after learning of our love for the game of golf. I spent many happy days on the golf course with Tom and Lois & Connie bonded as well. Tom was so full of life and happiness and energy - made all the better because of his relationship with his Savior. I loved all the stories he told of growing up in Keokee, his father's business, working with Jerry, moving to Florida, etc. He was so proud of Connie and his sons - Matt & Jon and their children. I feel honored to have known him and been his good friend. Rejoice in Glory, my friend.*

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**Terry McMahan** - January 10, 2020 at 08:37 AM

JF

“ *John Counts Fraley lit a candle in memory of Thomas Victor Cooper*



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**John Counts Fraley** - January 08, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JG

*I am so sorry for your loss Connie. I knew Tommy since I was a teenager. He was so nice and sweet. I know Heaven has gained an Angel. Prayers for the family. Johnnie Maples Grimes.*

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**Johnnie Maples Grimes.** - January 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM

CB

*Connie, my sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of Tom.*

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**Carey McColgan Bolin** - January 11, 2020 at 10:59 AM

BW

*Connie,  
I just heard about Tom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Comforter surround you with His Peace!*

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**Benny Wampler** - February 18, 2020 at 10:01 PM