



## Freddy Lee Cooper

December 3, 1946 - June 9, 2020

Freddy Lee Cooper, age 73, of Dayton, passed Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at his home in Dayton. Freddy was born on December 3, 1946 in Dayton, the son of the late John Henry McKenzie and Rita Cooper. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Louise Cooper.

Freddie lived in Dayton all of his life and served his country with the US Army. He worked in the Dry Cleaners industry for many years.

He is survived by his companion of 27 years, Barbara Kinder of Dayton; his daughters, Tonya Hyatte of Chattanooga, Chaquita Cooper of Cleveland, Renika Cooper of Chattanooga, Tamara Cooper of Chattanooga, Bridgett (Victoria) Espinoza of Spring City and step-daughter, April Kinder of Cookeville; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers, Ernest "Popeye" Cooper of Connecticut and Oliver Cooper of Massachusetts.

Graveside funeral services with military honors for Freddy will be held Friday at 12:00 noon in Pine Crest Cemetery in Dayton.

Please share your memories of Freddy on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton.

# Cemetery

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## Pinecrest Cemetery

Dayton, TN,

# Events

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**JUN** **Graveside Funeral** 12:00PM

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Pinecrest Cemetery

Dayton, TN, US

# Comments

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“ Uncle when you use to carry me on your back to Sunday school which I had to go every Sunday I told you that you were more like a big brother to me you was twelve years old when I was born even though you treated me like a little girl and didn't want me to leave Tennessee because you have told mom that I to young to go you came a month later. I loved the way you gave me my first gun a 350mag wow I still have it



**Juanita Dandoun** - June 19, 2020 at 06:39 AM

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“ Uncle Freddy,

As a young child growing up in Dayton, I will always remember you were a great Uncle to my sisters, brother and me. You and Mama were excellent examples of positive role models for us. You will be truly missed. Rest In Heaven Uncle Freddy!

Love Your Niece

Gwen James (Cooper)

**Gwen James (Cooper)** - June 16, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ I love you Gwen

**Juanita Dandoun** - June 19, 2020 at 06:35 AM

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“ You never told me anything wrong, keep my head up and always stay strong. You said life wasn't fair but I should never give up, don't worry about things that I could not change, take things day by day. I'm going to miss our coffee talks, the coins we never got to look at are in my box. Sitting here with my coffee in hand at my kitchen table, the routine must go on, I will pull out our box and we will find that coin that was supposed to change our lives. You were more than just my daddy, you were my mentor and friend. Your wisdom, pride, and stubbornness is in me too, I searched for myself for years, wandering who I was and God brought me back to you in time to see everything in and about me came from you, you gave me peace and an outlet from this world with just a cup of coffee, a smile and a big hug. Your with Moma now and you will be missed, tell her I love her so much and give her a kiss. Don't you guys worry about us, we are good girl's and have both of you instilled in us, it's not going to be easy but we will pull through. Watch over us and let your light shine through these dark days ahead, I will always be your little girl and football player too, I will keep you in my thoughts with everything I do. I love you DADDY



**Chaquita Cooper** - June 11, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ I miss you so much already I called your phone and you didn't answer I thought maybe you was outside so I called back still no answer and Nana told me you was gone you will never be gone not forgotten DADDY I LOVE YOU SO MUCH ITS GONNA BE HARD FOR ME TO LET YOU GO YOU WAS MY BACKBONE YOU TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNO.ITS LIKE A BIG DREAM.YOU REST EASY DADDY TELL MAMA I LOVE HER GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.R.I.P

**Tonya COOPER** - June 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ I'm so sorry I didn't visit more often Daddy and I miss and Love you so much! You were there for me and my kids on my darkest days and I appreciated you for that. You were my last reason to try to keep the family together and with you and momma (Debra Faye Skates) being gone I have no reason to be strong for this family any longer... I just wish you could have told me bye and you love me one last time. I Love You Daddy!

**Renika Cooper (Daughter)** - June 11, 2020 at 01:28 AM



“ I would like to say to my DADDY I LOVE YOU THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME ND YOUR GRANDKIDS.YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY MANY.REST ESAY DAD ITS NOT GONNA BE EASY FOR ME TO LET YOU GO BUT I KNO NOW THAT YOU HAVE NO WORRIES.

**Tonya COOPER** - June 10, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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“ Kathy Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Freddy Lee Cooper



**Kathy Patton** - June 10, 2020 at 01:50 PM