



Brett Thomas Cooper

February 10, 1974 - July 29, 2022

North Augusta, SC –Brett Thomas Cooper, 48, entered into rest on July 29, 2022 following a lengthy battle with Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. The family will receive friends at Posey Funeral Directors Friday, August 12th from 5 pm until 7 pm. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, August 13th at 2:00 pm at Stevens Creek Church. Private interment will take place at Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Brett was born February 10, 1974, in Buffalo, New York to Wayne and Janet Cooper. Brett moved to Venice, Florida when he was 5 and graduated from Venice High School. Brett attended University of Central Florida graduating with a BA in Elementary Education, as well as a Masters Degree . While at UCF, Brett pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity and served as Vice President of his Fraternity and developed lifelong friendships with many of his brothers. At UCF, Brett served on Orientation Team (O Team) and President’s Leadership Council, where he met the love of his life, Mary Beth. Brett married Mary Beth on March 14, 1998. When their first son, Jackson, was a toddler, the family moved to North Augusta, South Carolina, where they became active participants in the community.

Brett was an accomplished and beloved teacher. While in Orlando, Brett taught at Red Bug Elementary School where he earned a Golden Mickey Award and was voted Teacher of the Year. He received his Specialist Degree

in Education while teaching with the Columbia County School System in Ga. He taught at schools in Columbia County, Georgia for over 20 years including Stallings Island Middle School, Riverside Middle School, Lewiston Elementary School and Belair Elementary , where he was a beloved math teacher and coach. He also taught teaching courses at Augusta University.

Brett was a man of many passions.

He loved music, especially 80s music, and few could beat him at 80's music trivia or Song Pop. Brett was a talented musician in his own right, playing with the Simple Gifts band at St. Bart's Episcopal Church in North Augusta and spending many a summer entertaining kids with his guitar at the library or his students with popular songs converted to cover math topics.

Brett loved sports. He was an avid baseball card collector, and he loved coaching. He coached wrestling at Augusta Christian School and Greenbrier High School and football at Stallings Island Middle School and Riverside Middle School and baseball at Stallings Island Middle School. As a coach, he instilled in his players a love of the game, the importance of a disciplined work ethic, and an appreciation for being a team player. Above all, he was a mentor to all who played for him.

Brett was a man of faith. Attending church, singing in the band and being involved in many committees, as well as helping out with skits during VBS for the children. He brought his amazing energy to everything he did.

Above all, Brett loved his family. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother, and uncle. There was no greater happiness for Brett than spending time with his family – playing music or playing games or just being together. Brett attended countless cup stacking events and sporting events for his children, and Brett coached both Jackson and Peyton as they were

growing up. He sang with Jackson in the Simple Gifts band and when Peyton was a colicky baby, it was Brett who spent his summer walking Peyton in a stroller for hours to soothe him. With Brenna, they won the Father-Daughter dance contest at Belvedere Elementary School 5 years in a row. And spending time on the back deck with Mary Beth , his wife of 24 years was something he loved to do.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Mary Beth Cooper, sons, Jackson Cooper (Ally) and Peyton Cooper, and daughter, Brenna Cooper; father, Wayne Cooper (Val), mother, Janet Walter (Richard), sister, Stacy Wright (Dan); niece, Amelia Wright and nephew, Justin Wright.

While cancer took his life far too early, he lived his life fully and there is no doubt that God received Brett in heaven with a frothy beer and greeted him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Pallbearers will be his sons, Jackson Cooper and Peyton Cooper, his Sigma Chi brothers, Carnot Evans and Chirs Camacho and his fellow Stallings Island Middle School teachers, Casey Heckathorn and Tommy Kirk.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Billy Hane, Robert Williams, Barry Calloway, Chris Lehi, Trevor Ward and Cliff Warner.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Houston, 6801 Ardmore Street, Houston, TX 77054, a place where Brett and Mary Beth spent time while getting treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Service

AUG **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Stevens Creek Church
600 Stevens Creek Road
Augusta, GA 30907
<http://www.stevenscreekchurch.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Brett Thomas Cooper*



Posey Funeral Directors - August 10, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JD

What lovely memories. He was such a gifted and giving person who left a positive mark everywhere he went. He will be missed by so many.
Joan Durkin Prost

Joan Durkin - August 12, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Brett Thomas Cooper*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Brett Thomas Cooper*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

VB

“ I have been so saddened by the death of your very loved husband and father. I did not know him as well as I knew you and the children but I remember he always had a smile on his face. May God Bless you and your children as you go thru this difficult time and may He cover you with love, peace, and comfort.

Vivian Babb

Vivian Babb - August 13, 2022 at 11:32 PM

TF

“ The Durkin Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.



The Durkin Family - August 12, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.



August 10, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - August 10, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of **Brett Thomas Cooper**.



August 09, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Alex Carbone and Family* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of **Brett Thomas Cooper**.



Alex Carbone and Family - August 09, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



August 09, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



August 08, 2022 at 11:02 PM



“ *We will miss you, Brett. Our thoughts are with your family and prayers for their strength and your speedy journey. Your pain is gone now. Rest easy brother. We made a donation to the Hope Lodge in your honor.*
Love, Carnot and Lisa Evans.

Carnot Evans - August 08, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers are with you and the kids, Mary Beth. Love you.*
Betty and Freddie Holton

Betty Holton - August 07, 2022 at 12:05 AM

NC

“ *Losing here on earth someone you love is so hard. I pray for peace in your hearts as you miss his presence and joy in the celebration of Brett's life and all that he was. What a servant! Love and prayers to your precious family.*

Nancy Cowart - August 06, 2022 at 10:38 AM

FT

“ *Faye Satterfield (RMS Retired Teacher) purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



Faye Satterfield (RMS Retired Teacher) - August 05, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



August 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM

LH

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Louis Hernandez - August 03, 2022 at 05:01 PM

YH

“ *Your Brother Louis Hernandez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



Your Brother Louis Hernandez - August 03, 2022 at 02:17 PM

1T

“ *1995 UCF Orientation Team purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



1995 UCF Orientation Team - August 02, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brett Thomas Cooper.*



August 01, 2022 at 01:44 PM

NG

“ *Brett was an exceptional teacher and a truly good man who touched many lives. Brett will not be forgotten.*

Nancy Garcia - July 31, 2022 at 08:24 PM

NB

“ One of the good ones, gone too soon! I enjoyed making music with Brett over the years, but enjoyed listening to him even more! He enjoyed it and you could tell....Heavenly Father has gained a wonderful voice and we will miss it here on earth. God bless Mary Beth and kids.

Natalie Black - July 31, 2022 at 05:01 PM

TB

“ My heart is broken but I know that Brett's suffering is over. He is in the arms of Jesus. Even though Brett is gone from this earthly world, his spirit will live on in those who were fortunate to have known him. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to MaryBeth, their children and all of Brett's family. Rest in peace Brett
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Teresa Barnes - July 31, 2022 at 02:57 PM



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



July 31, 2022 at 01:05 PM

RH

“ To say that I am heartbroken would be an understatement. Brett is and will remain one of my very favorite people in this great wide world. I am a better person because I knew him.
Dr. Rebecca G. Harper

Rebecca Harper - July 30, 2022 at 10:41 PM

DS

“ *Dianne Smiley lit a candle in memory of Brett Thomas Cooper*



Dianne Smiley - July 30, 2022 at 09:22 PM

CC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Chris Chiampo - July 30, 2022 at 06:22 PM

BA

“ *Brett's thirst for life was extraordinary, matched by his fervent desire to love, mentor, and serve others. He played an important role coaching our sons' wrestling team at Greenbrier High School. His confidence, honesty, strength and encouragement inspired many young men and women in our community to excel in their future endeavors. Brett will certainly be missed, but his legacy will remain always. Prayers and love to the Cooper Family! Brook and Jenny Allen*

Brook and Jenny Allen - July 30, 2022 at 04:53 PM

SZ

“ *Brett's voice, smile and love for his family, especially Mary Beth, will live in our hearts forever. My daughter said if you ever questioned God, you will become a believer because of Brett, and the number of lives he touched. He is the epitome of His creations. Love and continued prayers for the family.*

Sandy Zeller - July 30, 2022 at 02:25 PM