



Frankie Gene Cooler

January 30, 1938 - January 28, 2015

Frankie “Gene” Cooler

Frankie “Gene” Cooler entered Heaven’s gates on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the age of 76. He was born January 30, 1938 in Stillmore, Georgia to the late James Howard Cooler and Inez A. Cooler, who survives him at age 97. He is a graduate of Richmond Academy and joined the US Marines Corp in 1957. He served his country with honor and distinction for 20 years, completing three tours in Japan as well as serving in Vietnam and reaching the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. The Corp was in his blood and in his heart, and upon his return to the area became a vibrant member of the Riverfront Marine Corp League Detachment #1132, as well as the elite group known as the “Devildogs”.

He met the love of his life, Betty Robertson, while stationed in Augusta and the two enjoyed 42 years of marital joy until her death in 2004. They loved to travel, entertain, garden and just “be” together. Theirs was a love story for the ages.

He is survived by a son, Gene Allen Horton and his wife Gina; grandsons LCPL Alex Horton, US Marine Corps, and Austin Horton, all of Naples, Florida; a sister, Martha Marie Skillicorn of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister-in-law Joanne Cooler of Dearing, Georgia; a brother, Albert Lee Cooler. He was preceded in death by his brother Jimmie Cooler.

Others blessed and proud to call him family are cousins Dee Creswell and wife Amy; Karen Creswell Wilcox and husband Ed; Angie Creswell Carlton and husband Tim; Scott Creswell; Matt Creswell and wife Jennifer, as well as his very special friend and confidant, Joni Clay. He spoiled, counseled, educated and loved on our children, and was honored to be called “uncle” and “grandpa”.

Gene was a warm and generous spirit who knew something about everything. He spent countless hours giving back to his fellow veterans by volunteering at the Veterans’ Hospital and with Toys for Tots. He enjoyed gadgets and was always surprising someone with the latest technological toy. He loved fixing things, the Corp and his beloved Betty. His humor and wit were infectious, and to get to know him was to have a friend and supporter for life.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday morning at 11 o’clock in Westover Memorial Park with Military Honors.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday morning from 9:30 until 10:30.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Westover Memorial Park

2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
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Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westover Memorial Park
2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Frankie Gene Cooler*



Posey Funeral Directors - January 30, 2015 at 12:07 PM

RC

*A fine NCO and a better man!!
Ron (Soupy) Campbell VMA 533 (67-69) Vietnam*

Ronald Campbell - December 09, 2015 at 09:04 PM

SP

*Was a honor serving with you
RIP
Sal passanisi VMA 533 (67-68) Vietnam*

Sal passanisi - December 10, 2015 at 12:22 AM

JJ

Semper Fi

john johnston - December 10, 2015 at 07:53 AM

JB

*Blessed to have had the opportunity of serving with one of the best.
Jim (Brownie) Brown VMA aw 533 (67-68) Vietnam*

Jim Brown - December 10, 2015 at 12:13 PM



“ Frankie Gene Cooler

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Frankie Gene Cooler

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Dianne Hightower lit a candle in memory of Frankie Gene Cooler



dianne hightower - February 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Gene. He was a really nice guy and married my H/S buddy Betty. I only saw him a few times when they use to come to N.Augusta. My deepest sympathy to the family. Dianne Fok,Hightower

dianne hightower - February 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ you will be missed Uncle Gene I remember after mom died we went to see you and Aunt Betty and ya'll took us to Disney Land we were just little boys and you made that bad time a good time for us, and when we would come visit you in Atlanta you taught me how to swim and then you would let us play pool and watch tv till we would fall asleep. I will miss you and I will all way's Love you.

Albert L. Cooler Jr. - January 30, 2015 at 06:47 PM



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