



Gerald Cooper

February 15, 1930 - December 25, 2018

Gerald Cooper, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2018.

Gerald was born February 15, 1930, on the family farm at Marysville, Kansas, the son of Joseph and Hazel Dobkins Cooper. He rode his horse to a one room schoolhouse, graduated from Marysville High School in 1948 and attended the University of Kansas. Gerald served our country in the US Navy and upon his honorable discharge was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He began his career as a lineman in Manhattan, moved to Lawrence where he was a switchman, and eventually to Topeka when he served in the engineering department. Gerald's invention of a switching relay was put to use by the company. He served Southwestern Bell for 42 years before retiring.

On July 2, 1955, Gerald and Marilyn Haxton were united in marriage, enjoying 63 years together.

Gerald was a member of Highland Heights Christian Church, Masonic Lodge No. 17, Topeka, American Legion Post No. 1 and was past president of the Sertoma Club. Gerald loved to fish. He enjoyed traveling abroad and computer technology. He loved his family and spending time with them.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Marilyn; his sons, Jerry Cooper, Greg Cooper (Jody) and Michael Cooper (Karolin); grandchildren, Jason Cooper, Christopher Cooper, John Cooper, Erick Cooper, Alex Cooper, Cody Cooper and Ellyn Cooper; great-grandchildren, Lilla Cooper and Jack Cooper; and his twin sister, Geraldine Robbins. He was preceded by his sisters, Donna Matt and Kathleen Cosman and two brothers who died in infancy.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where Gerald's funeral service will be at 10. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in Marysville Cemetery, Marysville KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Heights Christian Church sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Marysville Cemetery

North 16th Street
Marysville, KS 66508

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Cooper*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 31, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ *Gerald Cooper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Tom and Carole Haxton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Cooper.*



Tom and Carole Haxton - December 31, 2018 at 09:27 AM




“ *Greg and family, I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Sandy Schlink Flickinger - December 30, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ Marilyn and family---So very sorry for your loss of Gerald. Great neighbors and always enjoyed seeing him walk around our circle. So glad you got to go on your many trips together, they will be wonderful memories for you. Take care and we send our love and sympathy. Neighbors, Janet and Jim Knedler

Janet & Jim Knedler - December 29, 2018 at 05:03 PM

 Tracy Riepe

“ I remember as a little girl coming to Topeka to see all of you with my grandparents.

You are going to be missed.

Love, Tracy

Tracy Riepe - December 28, 2018 at 01:32 PM

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“ My heart goes out to you Marilyn and your wonderful family. It was Fred and my pleasure to have known Gerald. He will be missed at the family gatherings, always a smile and positive conversation. My love to you. Alice Tilton

Alice Tilton - December 28, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Cooper.



December 27, 2018 at 02:35 PM