



Franklin Craig Cooper

June 5, 1946 - March 23, 2017

Franklin Craig Cooper died on March 23rd, 2017. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford F. Cooper and Margaret F. Cooper. He is survived by his wife, Janet Cooper; two children, Cindy Pruitt and Casey Cooper; and five grandchildren.

Craig was born in 1946 in Port Arthur. His family moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 1953. Craig graduated from Edinburg High School, served in the Navy for 4 years, and then graduated with a Greek studies degree from Abilene Christian University.

Craig was truly dedicated to his family and, most of all, being a follower of his Lord Jesus Christ by bringing others to know Him. After a 20-year banking career, Craig embraced his true calling. His role as Director of Missions at the Pharr Church of Christ touched the lives of thousands. Over a dozen church plantings in the Valley and Mexico are among the fruits of his labor. God used Craig's talents, ambition and passions to bring positive change to the people of the colonias in this area. As God used him to do His works, Craig's spiritual posture is captured in Psalm 115: "Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

Visitation for Craig will be from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Kreidler Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017. The funeral service will be held at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 29th at the Church of Christ, (625 E. Sam Houston, Pharr). Burial will follow directly after at Roselawn Cemetery.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be made to the Church of Christ

North for their work among the Hispanic community in the Valley and northern Mexico. (625 E Sam Houston, Pharr, TX 78577)

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Christ
625 E Sam Houston Blvd,
Pharr, TX 78577

Tribute Wall



“ *Franklin Craig Cooper*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Franklin Craig Cooper*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *I have just found out about the death of my old friend, Craig Cooper. We were in the Navy together and shared good times and bad times on the USS Saratoga around 1970. I'm so sorry to hear of his death and I will miss him. My condolences to Janet and his kids.*

*Rick Hilton
San Antonio*

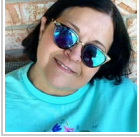
Richard Hilton - November 08, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ *Janet, on behalf of the Granbury Church of Christ Missions Committee I want to let you know how much we will miss Craig and all the work he did for the Mission Effort in the Rio Grande Valley. We just learned of his passing today and we wish you all the aid and comfort we know God Can provide. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you in this time of your lose.*

Roger Barns, Granbury C O C

Roger Barns - April 13, 2017 at 02:37 PM



“ Dear Janet and family: I work with Christian Relief Fund in Amarillo, Texas and Craig was our field coordinator for all the programs he established in your area. Craig will be missed even though we only got to see him once a year or so. He was always quick to respond to my emails and such a great guy! I'm so sorry for you and I know you will miss him terribly but God will give you the strength and peace you need at this time. This is a good picture of him. I hadn't seen him in a while. Please let us know if you need anything at all.
Love in Christ, Rosie Palmer

Rosie Palmer - March 30, 2017 at 10:27 AM

BV

“ I send you my sincerest condolences, Janet and family. I remember your kind hospitality to us when we were there. Paul thought so much of Craig and kept his number in his cell phone. Craig served the Lord well and made the world a better place in his generation! The Lord gives us strength when we need it the most! May the Holy Spirit comfort you and fill you with His peace, is my prayer in Jesus' name. Much love to all!!
Betty VanderLinden

Betty VanderLinden - March 28, 2017 at 03:22 PM

SK

“ So very sorry for your family's great loss. May God bless you and give you all peace and comfort at this difficult time. He is safely home.

*Bernie & Shelley Krupa
Longview, TX*

Shelley Krupa - March 28, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JV

“ Jimmy, Greg, Gina, Rene', Danielle & Vicki purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Franklin Craig Cooper.



Jimmy, Greg, Gina, Rene', Danielle & Vicki - March 28, 2017 at 01:19 PM

SH

“ Janet,

We are truly shocked and saddened to hear of Craig's passing and will treasure our memories of him and the ministry he was so passionately dedicated to. We are grateful for the opportunities that he gave us to share in that great outreach and grateful for your gracious hospitality. Last summer he took the time from his busy schedule to take us on a tour and relate the history of the work. Our hearts go out to you and the family as well as to all our Latino brothers and sisters who have been so blessed by him. We pray that the the good thing he worked for so diligently will continue and flourish. May our God surround you with peace and provide the comfort that only He can give.

*In brotherly love,
Doug and Sandy Holcomb*

Sandy Holcomb - March 28, 2017 at 11:28 AM

BC

“ I am Becky Clark from Wichita, Kansas. I met Craig while down in the Valley doing Mission Work. We became good friends during the week we were there the last 5 years. I was so looking forward to you and Craig being in our home just next month in Wichita. You are still always welcome to come visit us. I was the sewing teacher at Iowa Road where you came to do crocheting. Craig was a wonderful man and brought many blessings to you I am sure. Blessings go out to you at this time. Craig is home free now.

Becky Clark - March 28, 2017 at 10:55 AM

JH

“ HI Craig,

This is my last monthly report I will be writing to you. And while I type this letter I can not stop my tears running down my cheeks... We continue our work on the construction of our building, we are still working on the cement plastering around the outside walls, there are men that are coming on weekends to do this work themselves. Pretty soon we will be able to start worshipping in it.

We continue to work on evangelistic efforts. We have three regular home bible studies at this point, there are brothers and sisters inviting their neighbors to their homes and we are visiting these homes and having bible studies with them.

Once a month we go out to the hospitals to deliver food and coffee to the people waiting for relatives there. We are offering our prayers to them as well as to their relatives in bed.

Also this month another group went out to the streets to deliver bible tracts to our neighbors, We have a recorded message that we transmit publicly through a speaker. We tie the speaker to the van and while the message is being heard the rest of us deliver the bible tracts.

Attendance is there, we are averaging 70 including kids and teenagers.

We are still working on the building permit for Valle Soleado, Everything is going well, Jorge is going to be presenting a proposal for the building blueprints on their next meeting.

In reference to our new home, my family and I want to thank you so much for your contributions so that we could make of our home a dream come true. I know you won't be able to make it for the opening party I was organizing but in our hearts and minds you will be present that day. God Bless you and your Family!!!!

Jesus E. Mar Hernandez. - March 27, 2017 at 11:30 PM

ER

“ *On the behalf of my family, the Norton Street church of Christ and I, here in Corpus Christi, Tx., we extend our sincere sympathy to Jeannette and her family, in the lost of their Patriarch.*

*Edilfonso R. Rodriguez
Corpus Christ, Tx.*

Eddie Rodriguez - March 27, 2017 at 05:18 PM

AC

“ *Janet and kids, I want to express my sincere condolence at your Husband and Dad's passing. Craig Cooper taught a very young Christian what it looks like to be a servant so many years ago while we lived in the Valley.*

*I have very fond memories of Sunday night studies with Dean Bagley, Phil Bailey, Craig and me that ended with some pretty serious games of pool and of course discussions about the Lord. I was blessed to know him and I am sorry for his passing.
Andy cobb*

Andy Cobb - March 27, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Franklin Craig Cooper.*



March 27, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *The man who calls me the consummate evangelist, the loving father who calls me his son. The man I have made my mentor and counselor. The man I named my first born after, Franklin Cooper Jr. The man I have known for nearly eight years.*
Oh! sad.
Today I didn't hear a good news.
And if it's a good news, it's because of REV 14:13.
And I don't think I can preach tomorrow.
If am able, all that am going to tell loved ones would be Brother Franklin Cooper Sr. love for Christ and his heart for mankind.
Sister Janet, the Coopers family,, the entire congregation of the Pharr North, may God comfort your hearts and console you all in Christ Jesus, Amen.

Michael Fordjour - March 27, 2017 at 04:40 AM

VG

“ *Craig and I met when we were 12 years old. We both lived in the Sun Oil camp in Starr County. We played golf almost every day, many times it would be 36 holes. He would be Jack Nicholas and I was Arnold Palmer. We hunted doves and quail together. The Sun Oil camp was a great place to grow up. We both started out our Junior year in Edinburg. We rode the bus for 50 miles each way and since we lived in Starr County our fathers would drive us to the bus stop in Puerto Rico about 10 miles from the camp. Even though we lost touch with each other, our 50th class reunion reunited us again. I am so glad I got to spend that time with him.. Saturday was a really hard day for me when I found out about his passing. Janet, I probably will not make it Tuesday but I will be there Wednesday. Craig is with the Lord now. I know he felt Blessed every day having you in his life all these years.*

Vic Gambill - March 26, 2017 at 04:18 PM