



Wayne A. Cooper Sr.

June 22, 1942 - January 12, 2023

Wayne A. Cooper, Sr. (Navy RET.) of Willcox passed away early Thursday morning, January 12, 2023 in Tucson at the age of 80. Wayne was born in Hoopa, California on June 22, 1942 to Amos Cooper and Winifred (Cripe) Cooper and was a member of the Yurok Indian Tribe. Wayne retired honorably from the United States Navy and had served three tours in Vietnam. In June of 2001 he became an ordained Minister and was the co-pastor of Jerico Faith Center in Willcox. On November 18, 1961 in El Cerrito, California he married his wife Ginny (Semanski) who survived him. He is also survived by his children Tama (Tim) Atwell of Richland Ranchettes (Cochise), Wayne (Carol) Cooper, Jr., of Richland Ranchettes (Cochise), Mary (Felipe) Murrieta of Tucson, Julie (Todd) Barnes of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Peter (Jeanne) Cooper of Tucson, Lisa Lewis of Nortonville, Kentucky, Michael Alex Cooper of Willcox and Matthew Adrian Copper of Tucson. Wayne is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, and his Brothers Jim (Julie) Marshall of Vancouver, Wisconsin and John (MaryLou) Marshall of Hoopa, California and his sisters Patricia (Richard) Bonocci and Jeanne (Terry) Ramos both of California and Stephan (Jack) Wittington of Obrien, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. At Wayne's request no services will be held and he will be buried in the Yurok Tribe Veterans Cemetery in Weitchpec, California.

Cemetery Details

Yurok Tribe Veterans Cemetery

28263 3 Bald Hills
Weitchpec, CA

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I want you to know. You are a great man! Who was a pastor for his community. A good husband to his wife. My mother Ginny Cooper. A good role model for his children. I appreciate how you raised me. I will never forget you. And love you dad. Pray for us. To be as one. Love and regards Michael



Michael Cooper - February 23, 2023 at 12:24 AM

MC

You know what. I'm looking at my life. And I'm happy for what it is. I'm happy for you dad. Keep on loving people. I'm amazed by who you are. A father who knows how to love. We appreciate you very much. Thank you for who you are. A dad who knows how to love all the time. AMEN!

Michael Alex Cooper - May 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne A. Cooper Sr..



February 22, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Wayne A. Cooper Sr.

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

VM

“ Vera Masteller lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper



Vera Masteller - January 22, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Terri Shepard lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper*



Terri Shepard - January 19, 2023 at 10:06 PM

DS

“ *I will always remember Wayne's passion for everything in life. His humor, his dedication to Jesus and to his family. He may be gone from us on this earth, but the legacy of faith will endure til we meet again around the throne in joyful praise!*

Diane Shell - January 17, 2023 at 06:39 PM

CN

“ *Both Wayne and Ginny emulated our Savior Jesus Christ. They are full of love and mercy. Our little community will miss him. Love to the family.*
Curtis and Julie Nolan

Curtis & Julie Nolan - January 15, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Anne Coleman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper*



Anne Coleman - January 15, 2023 at 10:29 AM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. Always such a nice man. Sending prayers during this difficult time*



Gloria and Bill Wood - January 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM

JT

“ *Our Condolences to the families.
Joe and Linda Torres*



JoeLinda Torres - January 14, 2023 at 06:54 PM

FG

“ *Godspeed Wayne. You gave of yourself selflessly and we can rejoice in the knowledge that you are now safely in God's Heavenly kingdom.*



Frank & Susie Gonzales - January 14, 2023 at 01:05 PM

LB

“ *Rest in Peace my long-time friend and person who helped so many in our community in many ways! May memories and knowing you are in our prayers comfort Jenny and Wayne's families! 🙏*

LaDonna Burgess - January 14, 2023 at 11:38 AM

CC

“ *Wayne, you have been my advocate and God's Ambassador the past 3 1/2 years. My best memory from here on forward is to know you gave my hand in marriage to your son Wayne Jr.
From the bottom of my heart thank you. Rest in peace now. Love Carol*

Carol Cooper - January 14, 2023 at 10:28 AM

NA

“ *I met Wayne many years ago and saw him almost every day at that time. He was always friendly and sincere. Our paths haven't crossed much lately but when ever I saw him he was just the same. Ginny and family, I pray that the good memories will carry you through this difficult time. Stay strong and help each other.*

Nan - January 14, 2023 at 04:28 AM

GM

“ Gus Rita Morales lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper



Gus & Rita Morales - January 13, 2023 at 09:35 PM

VI

“ Wayne and Ginny were great friends with my mom and dad and he will be missed. Lots of good memories. Condolences to the family.

Vickey - January 13, 2023 at 09:23 PM

TA

“ Tama Atwell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper



Tama Atwell - January 13, 2023 at 07:47 PM

TA

“ Dad was in Japan when I was born, I believe it was the Coral Sea. It was hard to see go to sea as a young person, but this last cruise is the hardest, because this one is one way. He's at peace with his Savior!

Tama Atwell - January 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ John&Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper



John&Susan Arbuthnot - January 13, 2023 at 02:41 PM

LL

“ To many memories to share.I had my Dad for 51 years. I will forever love and miss him. My son and I got to spend two weeks last month with him and my siblings. Treasure the memories.Until we meet again. See you later,Dad!

Lisa Lewis - January 13, 2023 at 02:00 PM

MB

“ *Marva Babcock lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper*



Marva Babcock - January 13, 2023 at 12:48 PM

DO

“ *so sorry for your loss...bit I am sure he us home at last. Dan and Sandy*

Dan and sandra Ousley - January 13, 2023 at 12:41 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper*



Kathy Thatcher - January 13, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Cooper*



Betsy Ajeman - January 13, 2023 at 07:40 AM

FF

“ *Rest In Peace My Friend.*



Fimbres Family - January 12, 2023 at 10:45 PM

ES

“ So very sorry for your loss he will be greatly missed by many.



Eva Smith - January 12, 2023 at 08:55 PM