



Daniel Joseph Cooley, Sr.

December 31, 1920 - June 30, 2011

Daniel Joseph Cooley, Sr. age 90, went home to his Lord and Savior June 30, 2011, at his home in Harriman with his loving family by his side. He was born December 31, 1920 in Harriman, Tennessee.

He attended and graduated from Rockwood High School in 1939 where he was a captain of the Rockwood Tigers football team his senior year. On September 1, 1941, he married the love of his life Faye Easter in Rossville, Georgia. Mr. Cooley proudly served in the US Navy aboard the destroyer escort USS Brough during WWII from April 1943 – November 1945. Upon his return from the war he began working for Union Carbide Nuclear Division Y12 Plant and retired in 1982 after a distinguished career of 35 years. A member of Trenton Street Baptist Church since 1951, Mr. Cooley was ordained a deacon November 30, 1952, serving his Lord Jesus Christ and his church to his fullest ability. He was named a Life Deacon on November 28, 2003.

Preceded in death by his parents, John L. and A. Pearl (Daniel) Cooley and his sister June Cooley Minn. Mr. Cooley is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Faye (Easter) Cooley, four children, Dan J. Cooley, Jr., of Unicoi, TN, John J. Cooley of Harriman, Mark E. Cooley, Seattle, WA, Mimi (Rito) Serna of Brandenburg, KY, and his brother J. Polk Cooley, Kingston. Six grandchildren, Dan J. Cooley III (Cley), Julianne (Roy) Maness, Jessica (Alfredo) Ordonoz, Sarah (Daryn) Griffis, Alana Serna, Danielle Serna, and four great grandchildren, Alejandro, Joaquin, Parker, and Mason.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Kyker

Funeral Home, Morgan Street, Harriman, with funeral services on Sunday, July 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Kara Foster officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

You walked this earth for 90 years, 5 months, and 30 days. Go rest in the arms of the angels now Daddy, may you find peace and comfort there. We love you.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Cooley family. Dan was a wonderful friend to my grandparents and I've enjoyed talking with him the past 3 years. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Chris Weaver - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Dan was my dad's best friend and we loved him so much. He is in Heaven now with my dad talking about Rockwood football. Our prayers are with the family.*

Susan Poland Gollither - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Dear Cooley Family:
My heart goes out to you in the loss of your father, husband and granddad. You can always remember he was loved by more than your family, but his church family near and far away. Mr. Cooley was always smiling and leading alot of young people down the right path of life. Back in the days when after sunday night services at church, families used to rotate and go to one another's house for fellowship and for the adults, talking and coffee and the kids, fun! I can remember going to your house and playing in the big basement. Dan and John had a big tricycle I dearly loved to ride since I could not do a two wheeler at the time.
May God bless your family and you find peace and comfort knowing that Mr. Cooley is very happy in heaven walking that street of gold with his Lord and he will be there when we all meet again.
My prayers are with you
Kathie Long Parks*

Kathie Long Parks - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Sorry for your loss. If you need anything please call. God bless your family.

Penny Thacker - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ God bless the family.

bettye king - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I have known Dan for approximately 15 years, became acquainted with him when he first started coming to the Powell Family Reunions on Labor Day Weekend. Always enjoyed talking with him about genealogy pertaining to the Powell's. He was a very pleasant and kind man. We always enjoyed seeing him at reunion time. I have know his brother Polk for about 50 years having lived in Rockwood, TN in the 1960's. My sympathy goes out to the entire family. If any member of the family is continuing with the Powell genealogy, please contact me. With loving sympathy, Virginia.

Virginia Brown - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Cooley was a great man and a wonderful neighbor. I will miss his smiling face. My prayers are with you. God bless.

Wilma Langley - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ So sorry to hear about Dan's passing. But I have no doubt he is in Heaven.

Dan, you were a good friend and roll model for us kids at Trenton St. Baptist. You will be missed.

From my heart Bill Elmore

Bill Elmore - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To all the Cooley family...

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I can honestly say that Mr. Dan was one of the kindest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and growing up around. I don't think I can remember a time that I saw him that he didn't offer a smile and a hug. I pray that you all will find peace and comfort during this time, but earth's loss is TRULY Heaven's gain. He was one of the few that walked what he talked, a true man of God.

Love and prayers

Krista Long Helton

Krista Long Helton - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ To Mimi and all the family,

My thoughts and prayers go with you all during this time.

Be assured there is a Christ that has welcomed him and will welcome us all someday...

With prayers and love,

Brian Graves

Brian Graves - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *All the love, thoughts, prayers and support shared with each of you by all of us is a beautiful tribute to a very great and loved man. Our prayer is for peace and acceptance for each of you. Much love,
Dan & Rosemary*

Dan & Rosemary Martin - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Aunt Faye, Mimi, Johnny, Danny, Mark, and all the grandchildren who loved Dan Cooley, my dear Uncle-
We have wept tears of sorrow today, and we have prayed for comfort and peace for each of you. My Dad said his heart is broken, knowing that his dear friend, Dan, has passed away. We will hold you in our hearts as you go through these difficult days ahead. If only we could be there with you...God bless you all.
Marty (Layne) Weber
Fremont, NE*

Marty Weber - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *To the Cooley family,
I wanted to express how much your father meant to me and my family. He was always there with a cheerful hello and a hug and a ride if needed. He seemed to have boundless energy and such compassion for everyone. May the Lord grant you all comfort and peace during this time and happiness too knowing he is with Jesus and is completely restored in all ways.*

Becky Parker - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *I am so sorry we had to lose one of the most faithful men in TSBC. Always there until his health failed, I know he is in Heaven with Edd talking and having a good ole time. Mimi and family you all are in my Prayers, and good bye to one of the finest men I have ever known.*”

Shelbia Farmer - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for awhile, I'd say goodbye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said "This is eternity, And all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same day There's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Mimi, Rito, Sarah, Alana & Danielle, and all the Cooley family, Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel for you and your family. The days ahead will be some of the toughest you will face. Know that all who love you will be there to listen, comfort, support and pray with you. We love you! RIP Mr. Cooley!

Diane and Paul Kizinkiewicz

Paul and Diane Kizinkiewicz - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM