



## Mr Danny Ray Cooper

January 10, 1944 - August 31, 2014

Mr. Danny R. Cooper, 70, of Salisbury, NC passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Danny was born on January 10, 1944 in Monroe, NC. He was the son of the late Ray John Cooper and Bessie Wilson Cooper.

Danny was a graduate of Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, Class of 1962. He received a BS Degree from Mars Hill College, as well as a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from UNC-Charlotte, and an Advanced Degree in Administration from Appalachian State University. He retired in 1997 after serving 31 years with the Rowan/Salisbury School System. He also worked as an instructor with the Rowan Cabarrus Community College GED Inmate Program.

Danny was an active member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Cross-Talk Sunday School Class, as well as the U.M.M. and the Cheer Givers Senior Group.

He was an active supporter of the Special Olympics, Rowan/Salisbury Retired School Personnel, and volunteered with various organizations throughout the community and state.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 47 years, Jane Slate Cooper; two sons, John S. Cooper and wife Arlene and David J. Cooper and wife Courtney; three grandchildren, Maci, Madelyn, and Maggie Cooper all of Salisbury. Danny is also survived by his sister, Marilyn Garber of Woodstock, GA; brother-in-law, Spencer C. Slate of Key Largo, FL; Mary Rachel Taylor of Old Fort, NC; Arnold and Nina Cooper of Aberdeen, NC and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will held Tuesday (Sept 2) from 7-9 PM at Summersett Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 AM Wednesday (Sept 3) at Milford Hills United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Steve Combs. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Milford Hills United Methodist Church, 1630 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 29144 or the American Diabetes Association, 222 South Church Street, Suite 336M, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Cooper family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church  
Salisbury, NC

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Jane, I am so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lea Anne Thomas** - September 08, 2014 at 06:33 PM

JT

“ I had Mr. Cooper as my sixth grade teacher at Enochville Elementary School. He was a teacher that I am sure all of his students remember to this day. He expected a lot of his students and pushed us to apply ourselves. We also had a lot of fun in his class. I can remember singing along to Olivia Newton-John's song Let Me Be There. Mr. Cooper and myself would try our best to sing the bass parts while the girls would sing the rest. I also remember having a baking contest for which I won second place and I still have my prize which was a small dessert cookbook. I have many more fond memories of Mr. Cooper. On Facebook the Enochville School page had people mentioning his name for a long time trying to find him. He was a great teacher that truly touched his students lives. I shall never forget him. RIP Mr. Cooper.....class dismissed!

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**Jeffrey Tate** - September 04, 2014 at 09:31 AM

TJ

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Tom and Joyce Johnson, Anderson, S.C.

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**tom and joyce johnson** - September 03, 2014 at 09:46 AM

SB

“ Jane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Danny was always such a kind and caring gentleman. It was a pleasure to know him.

Susan Beard

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Susan Beard - September 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

SM

“ Jane and family,

It was an honor to teach with Danny at PCI minimum. He was well liked by both staff and students. I will truly miss him.

Susi Machiels

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Susan Machiels - September 02, 2014 at 10:36 PM

CS

“ I will never forget Danny's loving kindness - he was always so generous with his garden produce, and his smile always lit up the room. I had a wonderful time watching the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl at his home while visiting my father in Salisbury! Danny was a Godly man who made the world a better place and left an imprint on many a heart and life. He will be missed. My Deepest Sympathy to Jane and the Cooper family. With love and prayers, Carolyn Baird-Serpe, Kenosha, WI

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Carolyn Serpe - September 02, 2014 at 09:42 PM

DE

“ Keeping the Cooper family in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. Someone so special will never be forgotten!

Dennis, Greg, Ashley & Shane

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Dennis - September 02, 2014 at 12:26 PM

SB

“ *May God be with your family and give you Peace and Comfort! You are in my thoughts & prayers!*

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**Susan Beeker** - September 02, 2014 at 11:15 AM

MH

“ *Jane, John and David, I am sorry to read of the loss of your husband/father. Extending my deepest condolences. May your reliance on the God of all comfort help you at this time of grief/*

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**Minnie Hemphill** - September 02, 2014 at 09:37 AM

TB

“ *I will never forget my sixth grade science teacher. Danny inspired my lifelong interest in weather observation. He saw something in me that I did not see in myself at the time. We had a great time in Mr. Freeman's class playing softball against Mr. Cooper's team. They were tough to beat! What an energetic and inspiring man he was. My prayers go out to Jane and family. I still remember Jane and Danny's first child born while I was in his sixth grade class. He was so excited. Tim Bost*

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**Tim Bost** - September 02, 2014 at 08:59 AM

TK

“ *I wanted to say that my family is so very sorry for your loss. Danny was a wonderful man! Jane and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. God give you strength during this difficult time. We love you.*

*Teresa Ketcham  
Madeleine & Roberts daughter*

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**Teresa Ketcham** - September 02, 2014 at 08:39 AM

GC

“ *Jane & Family - Sue and I have been blessed to have known and worked along side Danny. There are so many fond memories of him at our church activities. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Gene & Sue Clary*

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**Gene & Sue Clary** - September 02, 2014 at 04:01 AM

AD

“ *Anganetta Dover lit a candle in memory of Mr Danny Ray Cooper*



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**Anganetta Dover** - September 01, 2014 at 11:32 PM