



## James Lanier "Jim" Cooper

September 23, 1939 - September 24, 2011

James Lanier "Jim" Cooper, age 72, of Salisbury passed away Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Cooper was born September 23, 1939 in Rowan County, and was the son of the late Mabel Marsh Cooper and Robert Howard Cooper. Educated in the Salisbury City Schools, he graduated from Boyden High School and Catawba College.

In 1956, at age 17, he founded Jim Cooper Advertising. He owned and operated his business continuously until 2003 and maintained business relationships with clients until 2009.

He was a member of Haven Lutheran Church.

Preceding him in death was his wife Mildred "Milly" Wagoner Cooper, who passed away on May 9, 2000. They married on December 18, 1960.

Survivors include his son Keith Wagoner Cooper of Chapel Hill; his daughter Susan Marsh Cooper of Salisbury; brother Dr. Robert Marsh Cooper of Little Rock, Arkansas; and brother Dr. Gary Edward Cooper of Thomasville, Georgia. He is also survived by a large and loving extended family, and his beloved pet dog Quincy.

His family and friends remember Jim as a lover of life, who cherished his many friendships and who held a deep attachment to the Salisbury community. He enjoyed simple pleasures, including eating out with friends and meeting people around town. He was a traveler who was especially fond of beach communities, and who maintained a second home in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for many years. He enjoyed the company of pet dogs throughout his life, whom he considered to be companions and friends.

Visitation: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, September 28 at Summersett Funeral Home.

Service: 2:00 PM Thursday, September 29 at Haven Lutheran Church conducted by Rev. Ed Harper with burial to follow at Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials: Faithful Friends, PO Box 3097, Salisbury, NC 28145; Abundant Living Adult Day Services, PO Box 947, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

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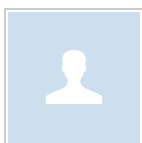
“ *Susan & Keith,*

*We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We have such fond memories of being with your family at the holidays when we first moved to Salisbury. Thankfully, we do have the hope & promise that we will all be reunited one day. You both are in our thoughts & prayers.*

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“ *Susan and Keith,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the days ahead. I will always remember your Dad as a very kind and giving man. We are here for you always.*

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“ Keith and Susan, we were so terribly sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Although we're separated by many miles, you are never out of our thoughts and hearts. Know that he is once again reunited with your mother, and that heaven is filled with the joy of those two wonderful souls.

With love,  
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