



## John W. Cooper

May 11, 1923 - April 5, 2019

John W. Cooper, 95, passed away at home on Friday, April 5, 2019. He was looking forward to heaven where he will see his wife of 71 years, Mattie, and work in God's garden.

John was born in Elkwood, Alabama on May 11, 1923 the first son of the late Mattie E. Blackwell and John W. Cooper.

During John's life he served as a Merchant Marine, worked as a civil servant in Alabama as the Director of US Government Storage; manufactured gun powder, hand grenades and worked as a safety engineer; trained as an explosive expert, and he helped in building Solvay/Allied Chemical/LCP Plant, where he was employed as a foreman until retirement.

He was a member and past fire chief at Washington Lands VFD, faithful member of Washington Lands United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of trustees for many years, and Washington Lands Lions Club.

His hobbies included: race car driving in Alabama, and then officiating at the Moundsville race track, flower and vegetable gardening, landscaping, raising various animals including ducks and geese, and if you would sit a few minutes, he would tell you one of his various adventures.

John was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mattie A. Cooper, and a brother, Gary D. Cooper.

John is survived by two sisters, Beatrice Robertson and Christine Rowell, both of Georgia; two daughters, Elizabeth (Ronald) Daugherty and Jane (John) Lewis; five grandchildren, Caroline Daugherty (Steven Whipkey), Michael

(Taylor) Daugherty, Zachary (Megan) Lewis, Sarah (Jacob) Nessel, and Jacob (Karen Davis) Lewis; great-grandchildren, Mattie J. Daugherty, Ruby M. Whipkey, Cooper E. Lewis, and one child yet to be born.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 6pm until 8pm at the Grisell Funeral Home in Moundsville, and Monday from 12 noon until the time of funeral services at 1:00 pm at Washington Lands United Methodist Church in Washington Lands, with Rev. Annette Carper officiating. Interment will follow at the mausoleum at Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville; where Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct Military graveside services.

Memorial donations can be sent to Amedisys Hospice or Washington Lands United Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Crematory  
Moundsville, WV

## Visitation

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington Lands United Methodist Church  
Moundsville, WV

## Funeral Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington Lands United Methodist Church  
Moundsville, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John W. Cooper*



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - April 05, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Cooper.*



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April 06, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ *Jo Lautar lit a candle in memory of John W. Cooper*



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**Jo Lautar** - April 06, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ *Beth so sorry for your loss. When we are blessed to have our parents for so long it makes it so much harder to say goodbye. Sending prayers to comfort you.*

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**Kathy Stalnaker** - April 06, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of John W. Cooper, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Merchant Marine Veteran, John W. Cooper, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - April 06, 2019 at 07:27 AM

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“ *Deepest sympathy for your families loss! Betty Jochum and family*

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**Betty Jochum** - April 06, 2019 at 07:02 AM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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