



Major Anthon Eugene Cooley Sr. USAF, Retired

July 19, 1935 - June 8, 2024

Major Anthon Eugene Cooley Sr. USAF, Retired was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on July 19, 1935, to Anthon LeRoy and Edna Lucille Cooley and passed away on June 8, 2024, at the age of 88. Anthon proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is preceded in death by his daughter Danette Cooley. Survivors include his loving spouse Rebecca S. Cooley, and his children Donald Cooley, Ronald Cooley (Sanjuanita), Tony Cooley, Nina Cooley, Belinda Jones (Marvin), 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Major Anthon Eugene Cooley Sr. USAF, Retired*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 12, 2024 at 10:28 AM

AC

“ *Hello Great Grandpa Cooley, I miss you so so much and God is taking care of you up in heaven. I remember you taught me on how to play the piano, wasent that fun huh. We love you and keep flying high!*

Audrey Mae Cooley - November 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM

LF

“ *Love, Heidi Cooley Ewell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major Anthon Eugene Cooley Sr. USAF, Retired.*

Love, Heidi Cooley Ewell and family - June 12, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Major Anthon Eugene Cooley Sr. USAF, Retired.*



June 12, 2024 at 10:09 AM

MJ

“ *Anthon E. Cooley, Sr. was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and an incredible father-in-law.*

For 30 years, I was blessed to be part of his family, raising three wonderful children with his daughter Belinda. Anthon's unwavering love, wisdom, and kindness touched everyone who knew him.

We celebrate his life with gratitude for the cherished memories and lasting impact he made.

Marvin David Jones - June 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM

MA

“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marvin - June 11, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SA

Such a wonderful and kind person. May he rest in peace. Thank you for being like that!

Santi - June 12, 2024 at 06:11 PM

LC

Eugene (Tony) was one great friend and brother. I was 5yo when my brothers would get together in front of our house in Kanosh, Utah, to play softball. I looked up to all of my brothers. Eugene would take me places. Even after we moved up to Kaysville, Utah. Eugene worked at Hill Air Force Base. He had an office and had his own secretary. While Dad worked on the aircraft. Then Eugene joined the USAF and had to go to a base down in California for his training. Dad took the family down to Eugene's graduation. That was a lot of fun.

Eugene never did go on a mission for the LDS church. But he did go up into the north part of Arkansas to do missionary work.

Eugene told us that the General of the air force ordered that all of the B58's missions not to exceed 1600 miles per hour because the decals would burn off and it would take a week to pant them back on the aircraft. Eugene told me that the B58 would fly at mock 3. I ask Eugene if he ever did. He said that he did on a bombing run from Canada down to Edwards air force base. That over a 1000 miles and he did it in 44 min. Because the colonel who was the pilot said to heck with the General and put the speed lever up all the way. And flew up to 65,000 feet. The mission was to avoid being detected by radar. The ground control did not detect them, until they got down to Edwards air force base.

*So many stories to tell. I guess I had better start writing them down.
Eugene's little brother Lynn*

Lynn Cooley - June 12, 2024 at 09:44 PM