



Dwight Lee Cooper

July 3, 1943 - July 7, 2004

COOPER

Anchorage resident Dwight “Lee” Cooper, 61, died July 7, 2004, of complications from surgery. Mr. Cooper was born July 3, 1943, in San Antonio. He was a customs officer in Laredo, TX, from April 1988 to June 2001. In 2001, Mr. Cooper moved to Alaska, where he continued his career with U.S. Customs Service in Anchorage. He received numerous awards for outstanding work during his career. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, guns, reloading, and history. Lee was a kind, caring man. He always made friends easily and was generous to a fault. His love of hunting and fishing was well known. His ability to tell stories and spin yarns made him a favorite at any gathering. His family will miss his gentle good nature and ability to make everyone’s day brighter. His friends and co-workers said: “Lee never complained. He completed any task he was assigned, and always did a good job with a positive attitude. We will all miss him.” He is survived by his daughters, Samantha Cooper of Laredo, Sherry Cooper of Maryland and Ann Osborn of Maryland; sons, David and Bill Cooper of Maryland; stepdaughter and her husband, Kathy and Jake Barrientos of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren; mother and step-father, Evelyn and Richard Beery of San Antonio; stepmother, Cissie Cooper of Beaufort, S.C.; sisters, Regina Cooper-Curless of Beaufort and Priscilla Sharpe of Columbia, S.C.; brother, and sister-in-law, Bill and Kacey Cooper of Kasilof; brother, William Sandy Sanford and wife, Marilyn of Virginia; ex-wives, Sandra Cooper of Laredo and Shirley

Cooper of Maryland; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, William Lee Cooper, Jr. Memorial donations may be given to the charity of choice in Mr. Cooper's name.

Services

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park North.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Lee,

I'm going to miss the inspiring soul God sent me as a coworker who not only was always so eager to train and teach me as a new inspector, but also comforted with a story of humor or wisdom in those clouds of rain and frustration at work. You never

Sudi Rogers - July 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *I worked with Lee for 9 years in Laredo. I called him "Coop". Coop was a hard worker and a gentleman. We shared memories of his days at Harlendale High School and mine at Edison High School in San Antonio. He sent me some pictures of his new POE. He was g*

Bill Trevino - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Coop in Laredo he was a kind person. My condolences to his family. See you later Coop.*

Raquel Santa Cruz - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Our sincere condolence goes out to Lee's family. Lee's hard work and diligence as an Officer in Alaska was a great asset to us and contributed greatly to the overall mission of U.S. Customs & Border Protection. He will be missed as an Officer and a frie*

Jim Tong - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I am with the Miami CBP Legacy U.S. Customs Honor Guard and perform "TAPS" at all funerals. I have suffered since 1991 with a back and neck work injury. I greatly respect and admire our coworkers and companions that go to work everyday in this type of job

Richard John Rubio - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Coop - you were always a good friend and colleague to work with. Exchanging stories on those long midnight shifts in Laredo sure made the time enjoyable.
Rest in peace.

John Wagner - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Lee, on behalf of us brokers here in AK :
Your charismatic, well humored and outgoing personality will surely be missed. I truly did enjoy the few, yet memorable conversations we did share at work. Such a memorable character, I am sure you were loved

Deborah Zuchero - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you in your time of sorrow.

I did not know Lee that well, but he will be missed by all of us here at the Anchorage Fedex Hub.

*Linda Kitchens,
Entry, CBP*

Linda Kitchens - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Lee will be missed by all. He has touched everybody who has worked with him. He never said no and always performed his work with dedication. For many he was not only a co-worker but also a true friend. May God take care of my friend.

Gilbert Shely - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Lee,

I was very honored to know you. I enjoyed working with you immensely. You're knowledge of history and the world was amazing. You could always be counted on to come up with some archaic fact, and if you didn't know, you always made up something tha

Michael T. Medo - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Lee, *It was a pleasure to work with you and your help and suggestions were appreciated. May God bless you and keep you.*

Edward L. Maher - July 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Psalm 106:4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;*

Anthony Carswell - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mr.Cooper at the port of Laredo,Tx and he was always a good co-worker to be around.My condolences to the family may God bless you and I know the lord has added another angel to his list.

Naomi Monroy - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Lee,
I remember working with you in Laredo when we started with Customs in 1988. I thoroughly enjoyed our time working together. May God bless your family in this difficult time

Edward Prue - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My sincere condolences to "Coop's" family. "Coop" will be always in our memories and in our prayers. I remember him as a very honest, sincere individual; always there, always cheerful. God bless.

J.J. CASTILLO - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ 2 A MAN A FRIEND A TRUE SOLDIER IN MY EYES YOU WILL BE MISSED I PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL...

RAY RAPIER JR - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Hey Coop,

From Laredo to Bulgaria it has been a pleasure knowing you. Some people are never forgotten. Being the person that you were, a good friend, you will be one of those people to many.

Your mission in Customs was to be stationed in Alaska. Mi

Raymond O. Hinds - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *I worked with Dwight for several years in Laredo, Tx. He was a great co-worker and always had a great attitude. I'm sure he will be missed by his friends and family and my prayers go out to them.*

Steve G Young - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Lee, You will be greatly missed by all your co-workers in Anchorage. You always had good words to say about everyone. It was a great pleasure to work with you while you where here in Anchorage.*

Lance

Lance Robinson - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My prayers are with the family. Lee was a good and kind man, i will miss him. I enjoyed working with him at FedEx.*

Kathy Corbin - July 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Lee, we shared 20 married years together and 3-4 years of dating before that. Even though our marriage did not work out, you know all that we meant to each other. Your pain is over, rest in peace.
Love Shirley

Shirley Lord Cooper - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Lee
You will be missed, thank you for all the help and support. I know you are in a better place and your pain is now over. My God continue to watch over and bless your family in this time of need.

Marcella

Marcella Goforth - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Lee,
Thank You for everything, you always made me laugh with one of your stories, I will miss having lunch with you...but you are in a better place, and your pain is over...Que dios te bendiga y te cuide....I'll keep an eye on Terry for you.....

Katherine Forest - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Lee was a good man who was always ready with a kind word and a interesting story to tell. I will miss sharing stories with him.

Keith Younkings - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Lee,
You were a great person to be around. You never had a bad word to say about anything or anybody. It was truly a pleasure knowing you,
Mia

Mia Kirk - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I worked with Mr. Cooper as part of the FEDEX team. I was part of the group that opened and presented selected packages to U S Customs for their examination.
Mr. Cooper was ALWAYS very pleasant to be around. I was especially fond of his "Life's Lessons"

Lloyd Leatherwood - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Lee,

It was my pleasure to know and work with you. You will be sorely missed by the CBP crew in Anchorage.

Robert Nesvick - July 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Lee,

I love and miss you very much. You were not just a co-worker, you were a good friend. I hope that you are at peace - body and soul - now that you have moved on.
I will remember you as always having a smile for everyone.

Love, Kymberly

Kymberly Fernandez - July 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Lee:

It was a privilege to know you, and work with you for over three years.

You loved life, and you loved people; your sense of humor, smile and laugh were always appreciated.

Buen viaje, and rest in peace.

Andy Metz/Customs

Andy Metz - July 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM