



Robert R. Cooper

June 17, 2023

Robert R. Cooper, 84, of Millersville, PA, died on June 17, 2023, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Cooper was a member of the West Earl Fire Company and Township Planning Commission and held several offices in the Lions' Club, including president. He helped plan and create the Brownstown Park. He has been a strong advocate for local prison inmates and supporting children with imprisoned parents. A one-year program he piloted in 2014, now called Ambassadors for Hope, has joined with Compass Mark to provide support to these children and their families.

His career in education began at Pequea Valley. From there he served as a counselor at Cocalico and CV. For the next 28 years, he was Director of Pupil Services at CV where he supervised staff, planned and supervised CV's alternative school, and served as liaison between school and community. His publications won multiple state and national awards. In the later part of his career at CV, he became the Board's representative on five major building projects.

For his entire adult life, he was active in leadership roles in his church. He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster for nearly 50 years where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, trustee, vestry member,

and president of the congregation. He brought Stephen Ministry and the Parish Nurse Ministry to Trinity and led the congregation in developing a long-range facilities plan. He also enjoyed worship and fellowship with St. James Episcopal.

In retirement he worked as a church consultant at the Parish Resource Center, often commenting this was the best job he ever had.

Bob is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dorothy (Wee, née Kempfle), children David Cooper (Sheila Ebersole), Jon Cooper (Heather Suchanec), and Becky Cook (Glenn) and 11 grandchildren, as well as stepchildren Robert Wee (Kathleen), Michael Wee (Krista), Thomas Wee (Kaca), and Anita Kolibas (Jeff Engroff) and 7 step-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife (June) and a son, Stephen, his brother, James, and survived by his sister-in-law, Wendy Cooper.

A Funeral Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602, on Friday, August 25, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Friends are welcome to greet the family starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Church.

Memorial gifts can be made to Ambassadors for Hope, P.O. Box 235, Millersville, PA 17551.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Becky, I am sorry for the loss of your father. I just recently learned of his passing. My condolences to you and your brothers.*

Charlene Metzler (Tracy's mom)

Charlene Metzler - August 23, 2023 at 03:23 PM

MG

“ *Bob was an inspiration to many people. I came to know Bob because of his concern for children whose parents were in prison. His dedication to this cause led to the creation of an organization, Ambassadors for Hope: Supporting Children with a Parent in Prison, and to county funding for a person to assist children with incarcerated parents and their caregivers. Bob was a visionary and we will greatly miss his leadership, wisdom, and compassion.*

Mary Glazier - July 06, 2023 at 03:10 PM

KF

“ *Bob and I worked together in our professional lives for years locally and with the Pennsylvania Association of Pupil Services Administrators and the national association, as well. We traveled to many conventions and conferences with these groups. We also shared many social activities with our wives and the Marzinkos. There are so many pleasant memories from all of these contacts, including the one where we went out to dinner on a cold, icy night and then couldn't walk up the slippery driveway to get back to his house for games. We ended up crawling through the snow beside the driveway. We had great times together and I will miss him.*

Kirk Fisher - July 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM

GR

“ *Very special memories of having worked with Bob at the Parish Resource Center. In memory of Bob, I'm making a contribution to Ambassadors for Hope.*

Glen Roth - July 05, 2023 at 11:44 AM

DW

“ *As a young girl not sure what to expect after graduating from CV High School, the Lord gave me the gift of Bob Cooper as my first full-time boss. As the Director of Pupil Services, he always had plenty of deadlines to meet. Yet he was so patient and kind as he showed this immature girl the importance of a job well done. He had a terrific sense of humor, a hearty laugh and was caring and supportive with everyone on good days and when challenging situations would arise - a remarkable role model!*
Dawn Lefever Wiker

Dawn Wiker - July 03, 2023 at 01:39 PM

DJ

“ *Rob Cooper was one of this world's truly great guys! I knew Rob for nearly seventy years and he always had a deep concern for people which became manifest in his devotion to serving others throughout his entire life.*
He left a wonderful legacy of caring!
Dr. Lew Jury

Dr. Lew Jury - July 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM