



Charles "Chuck" Cooper

March 20, 1931 - April 5, 2023

Charles "Chuck" Cooper, 92, of St. Augustine, went home to be with the Lord on April 5, 2023.

Chuck served in the U.S. Navy before marrying the love of his life, Jessie for 70 years.

Chuck worked as a Bio Engineer retiring from North Florida Regional Hospital and then Palatka Memorial Hospital before moving to Crescent Beach.

He always enjoyed spending time with family and friends, sailing to the Bahamas and Nova Scotia with Jessie, the outdoors, gardening, and exploring new springs. He also loved attending Gator football and Little League games.

He was a man of faith and a devoted Christian who attended Shore Methodist Church. He will be greatly missed by many.

He is preceded by his parents Clarence and Eleanor. He is survived by his wife Jessie, children Sandy, Doug (Colleen), and Mark. His grandchildren Brian, Bradley, Robin (Courtney), and great-grandson Alan.

A Memorial Service with military honors bestowed by the U.S. Navy will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine with Rev. Glen McCutcheon officiating. The burial will take place at a later date in Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13. 2:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Chuck" Cooper*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 11, 2023 at 02:58 PM

KB

“ *I remember the good Ole days in gainesville and st augustine with Mr Cooper he was a blessing to everyone's path he crossed I was good friends with Doug he was also a blessing in my life. Chuck will be greatly missed by all but never forgotten. Prayers to all the family. God Bless you all.*

Doug give me a buzz

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Kenny & Carla Bayne 🙏🙏🙏

Kenny and Carla Bayne - January 03, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RB

“ *Loved Mr. Chuck Cooper - he was a great leader at Helene Curtis, mentor and friend - He and Ron were quite different but worked well together to empower teams and build a terrific group that is still very tight. They were also willing to invest and take big risks on brands like Salon Selectives and Degree. After he retired, I got to visit with Chuck every year in Chicago, always something I really looked forward to and enjoyed, and leaned on him for a lot of advice. He will really be missed!*

Ralph W Blessing - June 14, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Cooper.*



April 12, 2023 at 10:16 AM

“ I first met Chuck Cooper as a 5 year old in the spring of 1960 when we moved to NE Gainesville into the house across the street from the Coopers. He was a man full of passions and fortunately one of those was engaging all the kids on the block into every kind of activity imaginable. For example, I had no interest at all in sports but soon found myself loaded in his station wagon headed to play baseball at the Boy's Club. A pursuit that lasted all the way through high school.

He had an amazing way of making simple, boring tasks an adventure. When it was time to collect pine straw from the local woods for mulch, he didn't just fill bags and throw it on the plant beds. He emptied all of them into a huge pile in his front yard and told us kids to make some forts and tunnels and play king of the mountain. He like to fish and so he gathered a bunch of kids up in his Volkswagen van and drove us to the Cedar Key Pier, gave everyone handlines he had prepared the night before and spent the day helping us unhook the fish and re-bait the hooks. When someone mentioned seeing the Big Dipper constellation in our front yards one night, the next weekend he drove us down to the new I-75 rest area on Payne's Prairie so that we could lay on our backs in the grass slope and REALLY see all of the constellations and a couple of shooting stars. He often took us to A&W Root Beer for the 5 cent kid's glass, to Doug's Dairy Twirl for ice cream cones and on Sunday nights to the donut shop for a free donut.

He had a small electronics shop in his garage closet and spent evenings in the mid '60s explaining to me the new invention, transistors, and then taught me how to assemble a transistor based binary counting machine (no such thing as a calculator back then). Only occurred to me much later in life that had I spent more time in his shop and less time playing sports, I could have beaten Bill Gates to the punch....

Around the same time Chuck (who had served in the Navy) decided it was time for a boat. So, of course, rather than head to the local boat dealer, he ordered a kit from the back page of Popular Mechanics magazine. I can only imagine what my parents and the other neighbors thought as they watched this full-size wooden

houseboat take shape next to his driveway over the next year or so. He was a craftsman, so of course it floated and after its maiden voyage on Newnan's Lake (which we all attended) he took us on countless voyages on lakes and rivers. He introduced all of us kids to Santa Fe River, Suwannee River and of course Ichetucknee Springs.

But probably the best simple example I could give you of his character is this... When McDonalds hit the national scene in the '60s, all of us kids wanted to try it, but unfortunately Gainesville didn't have a store yet. No problem. Chuck loaded up the station wagon with a pile of noisy kids and drove us all the way Ocala. Who, in their right mind, would drive 80 miles round trip, with a car full of screaming kids, just so they could fight over who got the longest French fry? Of course.....Mr. Cooper.

I owe Chuck so much for being a huge influence in my life. Most importantly, he taught me how to really listen to my own kids, how to "think like a kid" and how to engage my daughters in small and often silly little games or trips or meaningless contests and just become a kid again. All to ensure that they became the kind of adults who would do the same.....just like Chuck.

Thank you Uncle Chuck, I am forever grateful.

Dennis Waldrop

Dennis Waldrop - April 11, 2023 at 09:11 PM

MB

Dennis, you could not have explained Chuck Cooper any more eloquently. Michael Bayne. (14th Terrace) he will definitely be missed.

Michael Bayne - January 07, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ 53 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 11, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Cooper.



April 10, 2023 at 03:59 PM