



James Lee Cooper

October 13, 1959 - July 21, 2022

Former Benicia Resident James Lee Cooper, 62, passed Thursday July 21, 2022, with his daughters and sisters at his side. Moving to Benicia in 1973, James along with his sisters and cousins quickly made a home of the small town. Growing up with a love for baseball, he played in Tara Hills, San Pablo, and then Benicia Leagues under the guidance of his father, James Eulas Cooper, for many years. Always a charmer, his talent in baseball as well as a jazz/ band drummer brought him the love of so many friends. He worked in the heating and air conditioning industry for just over 40 years before retiring at his home, in Calaveras County. James was a self-proclaimed country boy who was passionate about the outdoors, sharing a love of fishing, hunting, kayaking, and hiking with anyone who knew him - and he passed the love of the outdoors to his daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. James is survived by his mother Cynthia A. Cooper, sisters Kimberly Cooper and Amy Hartley (Aaron), Daughters Sarah Pillion (Michael) and Amanda Blackwell (James) as well as his three grandchildren Abigail Pillion, Hailie and Asher Blackwell, and many other family members. He was preceded in death by his father James E. Cooper, his guardian angel (grandmother) Minta Lena Cooper, his other grandparents and various aunts and uncles. He will be missed by many friends and family.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on Saturday September 3rd at The Whale Room- Coal Shed Brewery-850 Nimitz Ave, Vallejo Ca at 1 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

Whale Room- Coal Shed Brewery-
850 Nimitz Ave,
Vallejo, CA 94590

Tribute Wall



“ *James Lee Cooper*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I met The Cooper family when I was 18, they are such a sweet, kind and loving family, Jimmy is such an amazing person with a big heart and soul. I wish I could be there to help celebrate his life with you all in Vallejo today, however I will be on the beach at 10am Hawaiian time to honor Jimmy the Maui way. With flowers and a kayak. Sending love and condolences to the family.*



Daneen Diaz - September 03, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Lee Cooper.*



August 30, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lee Cooper.*



August 30, 2022 at 02:07 PM

PA

“ Jimmy was such a great guy. Always with a smile and an offer to help.

I was blessed to know him as a kid, and rekindle our friendship this past 2 years. We usually met at “Hawg-dogs” talking for hours.

One last “Dinka-Dinka” my friend. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

We will meet up again my friend (hold me a spot with a good view!)

Love you Jimmy ... RIP. “Dinka-Dinka”

Paul

Paul Andersen - August 11, 2022 at 02:48 AM

GT

Jimmy always had a beautiful smile and his love for life and sharing his love with friends and family, I miss talking to my nephew, I miss and I love you, we will chat and laugh again when it's time, rest in peace Jimmy Cooper 💔💔💔

Gigi Thompson - August 13, 2022 at 09:57 PM

JD

Well brother, today is a big day for your family and friends. Sorry I can't be there. I miss sitting around in the garage and playing with the pups. I've said goodbye in my mind but will keep you in my heart. Cheers 🍺. My thoughts are with your family today ❤️.

John Davis - September 02, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JS

Jimmy and I were married for almost 10 years. We were so young. Him 21 and me 17. We have many so many cherished memories. Though we went our separate ways and though it was rough for awhile we managed to put those things aside and become close good friends. I never stopped caring for him and his family. There was always a part of me that would be a Cooper forever. I still have and cherish the last Christmas present he ever gave me. His last words to me was I love you Julie. His spirit will always live on through our children and grandchildren. I will never forget that smile which could light up any room. May he Rest In Peace. God bless all of us he left behind.

Julie Sullivan - September 03, 2022 at 08:44 AM