



Mr. Lynn Cooper

September 16, 1952 - June 2, 2018

Funeral services for Mr. Lynn Cooper, 65, of Lake Murvaul will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Matt Comer officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be 10-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Lynn Meredith Cooper was born September 16, 1952 in Longview, Texas to V.M. "Pete" and Billie Sue Ballenger Cooper and went to his heavenly home on June 2, 2018 in Carthage. Mr. Cooper was raised and schooled in Longview and graduated from Longview High School with the class of 1970. He then furthered his education at Stephen F. Austin State University and graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Music. Lynn married Kathy Price on August 14, 1999 and together they celebrated 18 years. Mr. Cooper worked for over 41 years as a band director in Sabine, Longview, Carthage, Center and Joaquin. He was a member of the Sounds of Swing where he played the saxophone. Lynn loved fishing, hunting, gardening and spending time with family and friends who were very important to him. Mr. Cooper was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Lynn is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Cooper of Lake Murvaul; mother, Billie Sue Cooper of Longview; brother, Billy Ray Cooper and wife Terri of Garrison; sister, Connie L. Cooper of Longview; nephews, Clayton Allen Cooper, Cody Dwight Cooper; niece, Shelby Rae Fuller; great niece and nephew; Emily Rae Fuller and Cayson Philip Cooper.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX 75633
(903) 693-3816
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall

AS

“ You were an amazing director there was noone quite like you. From the smell of your cologne to the awesome smile on your face. Rest in Peace Mr Cooper, you are missed.

Ashley - October 22, 2020 at 12:23 PM

SR

“ Lynn’s first teaching job was in west Texas at Snyder. What a good looking talented young man! The kids loved him. He fit right in with our team of 4, willing to do whatever it took to help the program. We took him fishing down on the Pecos River. The boy loved it! His heart was back in east Texas and we knew he would go back. Just proud to have him with us for a year.

Rest In Peace my brother

Sam Robertson

I just learned about Lynn’s passing while having an ultrasound done in a Tyler hospital. The tech was a former student of his in Jouquin. Small world. 6:19/2019

Sam Robertson - June 19, 2019 at 05:55 PM

BD

“ I’m grateful for the role that Lynn Cooper played in my life. A man who loved music and his students. A talented musician. A believer in faith. His commitment to teaching helped me achieve far-reaching goals. I’m a better person for knowing him and learning from him.

Becky Dennis - July 10, 2018 at 09:34 PM

TW

“ I was honored to have Mr. Cooper as my band director in middle school at Judson and then again in high school at Longview. I always held him in the highest regard and have so many fond memories. One year at Judson we had band pictures made, and part of the package allowed us to have two pictures made with a friend. I picked Mr Cooper as one of my friends. God bless you and thank you for being a difference in so many young lives.

Todd Wood - June 09, 2018 at 12:54 AM

KD

“ Mr. Cooper was a great band director and a very caring person.

Kathy DeBerry - June 08, 2018 at 12:12 AM



“ Mr. Cooper was also the assistant band Director in Henderson in 2005-2006. He taught me so much, and was an excellent band director. Was honestly my favorite band director ever. Rest in Peace Mr. Cooper.

Christopher Cannady Sr. - June 07, 2018 at 11:39 PM

DK

“ *Mr. Cooper made a difference in my life that I have tried to pass on to my children. Many times over the years I wondered where he was and how he was doing. I drove by his old house a few weeks ago wondering where he was now and reliving great memories including when his house got rolled. He was tough pushing us to be our best. He succeeded! My senior year we made First Division for the first time in years. Great memories of marching at Texas A&M, going to Galtinburg, Tenn, and marching on the asphalt parking lot he stripped at school when he caught his marching in our ruts on the practice field. I still have the VHS tape he made all the seniors filled with pictures of our great band years. Thank you for pushing us and always believing in us. The song you put on our tape was "We Are The Champions". I think we can all agree, you are OUR Champion! Thank you for making a difference! You will be missed! Donna Tanner Knight, Sabine Class 1993*

Donna Knight - June 07, 2018 at 04:07 PM

CW

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Bless you and your family. Carol PBX Longview Regional*

Carol wilkinson - June 06, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Thank you, Mr. Cooper, for making a difference in my life and creating many wonderful memories.*

*David Ingram
Texas band director*

David Ingram - June 06, 2018 at 03:07 PM

MQ

“ *Mr. Cooper was my band director and my favorite teacher. My heart is broken to find out about the loss of a awesome person. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Mr. C! My condolences to the family.*



*Monica Quintero
SHS band*

Monica Quintero - June 06, 2018 at 11:23 AM

M'

“ *Rest In Peace, Mr. C. You were a great teacher and a wonderful person. You will be missed.*

michael Ferguson, LHS '85 - June 06, 2018 at 08:32 AM

AD

“ *Mr. Cooper will always have a special place in my heart. I have so many great memories of him. Band was never the same after he left Sabine. Rest In Peace Mr. Cooper and may peace be with your family. You will be greatly missed.*

Adrienne (Gibson) Deason - June 05, 2018 at 10:17 PM

 Angie
Clark
White

“ *One of my most favorite people. Thank you for being kind, loving and an awesome example to me. You touched so many lives and hearts. You will be missed, greatly. Rest in peace, Mr. Cooper.*

Angie Clark White - June 05, 2018 at 09:56 PM

AT

“ *Mr cooper. Was a good person my daughter. Had him at joaquin. School.*

Amy trent - June 05, 2018 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ *Me. Cooper was an amazing person both on and off the field. I think he truly thought of his students as his kids; so proud when we achieved our goals but quick to discipline when we needed it. I learned so much from him that I carried on into my adult life and hopefully passed on to my son. Lynn Cooper, you were an inspiration and will be missed. May you Rest In Peace and keep the music flowing in heaven. Until we meet again...*

Jennifer Cross - June 05, 2018 at 08:52 PM

AT

“ *Amy Trent sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lynn Cooper*



Amy trent - June 05, 2018 at 08:50 PM

AT

“ *Amanda Trent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lynn Cooper*



Amanda trent - June 05, 2018 at 05:09 PM

 Sherri Ware

“ Thank you for giving me a love for being in band (that I have passed on to my daughter) both at JMS and LHS. So many great memories, learning to play a clarinet, learning to march, band camp at Beaver’s Bend, and so many more. Thank you Mr Cooper. You will be missed!

Sherri Ware - June 05, 2018 at 03:15 PM

 Sherri Ware

March not march, but somehow I think you would think it was funny!

Sherri Ware - June 05, 2018 at 03:16 PM

JC

Thank you Lynn for the awesome times at LBS in band and Jazz band. You will be missed. My prayers are with you, Mrs. Cooper, Connie, Billy and the rest of his family. Much love and many hugs.

John David Creamer - June 06, 2018 at 09:52 AM

JC

LHS

John David Creamer - June 06, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Lynn Cooper.



June 05, 2018 at 09:10 AM

CB

“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Cooper. Thanks for always being a good friend to me and a great friend to music.*



Chad Boatwright - June 04, 2018 at 09:42 PM

JM

“ *I was a freshman the year Mr. Cooper started at Sabine High School. He always had so many great ideas to help get students interested in music. I personally enjoyed marching at Kyle Field at Texas A&M. The band also enjoyed the band trip to Tennessee. Mr. Cooper had the biggest smile on his face when we earned 1s at the Tennessee competition. Mr. Cooper will definitely be missed! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Hugs! Jessica McClinton

Jessica McClinton - June 04, 2018 at 06:45 PM

DP

“ *Lynn made everything happen for me. He was the first to realize that guitar and drums came together in the bass guitar and by putting one in my hands and giving me the leeway to just play and use my ears, he set me on the path to do what I do today. I owe him everything. Without his influence, I would not have my career today. He was a mentor, and later a good friend and he will be missed. So much.*

Duane Propes - June 04, 2018 at 05:39 PM

MB

“ Mr. Cooper was such a wonderful mentor to so many students. Thank you Mr. Cooper and you will forever be missed. Rest in peace and know that your memory lives on.

MBrown - June 04, 2018 at 05:32 PM

TM

“ He will always be “my band director.” He had the kind of personality that although he could be tough, yet you wanted to please him. Everytime I hear a band play anything, I think back at my days at Sabine High School trying to play the way Mr. Cooper wanted.

Tracey McKinney - June 04, 2018 at 03:58 PM

D(

“ Danza Reavis Martin, Terry Jones Martin ('86&'85) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lynn Cooper.



Danza Reavis Martin, Terry Jones Martin ('86&'85) - June 04, 2018 at 02:03 PM

SS

“ Mr. Cooper was an awesome band director! He will be greatly missed. He and my dad came up with the AC/BC(after chocolate/before chocolate) scenario as I was always full of energy after chocolate. Some of the greatest memories of my high school. Especially when taps were played for his 40th birthday, Gatlinburg trip, band contest, and just plain fun. Sabine band was his "Cooper Bunch"!

Shelly (Spencer) Shaw - June 04, 2018 at 01:29 PM

AB

“ Great guy! Loved working with him at Carthage Junior High! Always gave me a laugh!

Angie Bishop - June 04, 2018 at 01:13 PM

BG

“ Mr.Cooper was a great teacher! He taught me at Union Grove High School. He was an inspiration to me and very encouraging.

Bobette Krall Garcia - June 04, 2018 at 05:34 AM

MC

“ He was a great teacher and a good freind

max&jan conlin - June 03, 2018 at 07:19 PM

DM

“ Kathy so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort.
Debbie Stone Matte

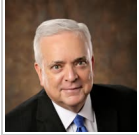
debbie stone matte - June 03, 2018 at 05:55 PM

TB

“ Tina Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lynn Cooper



Tina Barnett - June 03, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ Lynn was one of my closest friends in elementary, junior high and high school plus we were roommates at Stephen F. Austin. We lost track of each other after my father died but I often wondered about him and tried to locate him several times. I was stunned and saddened to hear about his death and wish we had reconnected. Ed (Eddy) Slaback

Ed Slaback - June 03, 2018 at 03:01 PM

CH

“ I feel so lucky to have had Mr. Cooper as my band director at Judson Jr High 1979-80!!! He fostered our love for music, demanded excellence, and he was so very cool! And I know so many classmates feel the same. I'm so sorry for his family's loss.

Christi Holbrook - June 03, 2018 at 02:51 PM

KM

“ I am so sorry Kathy! My family always liked Mr. Cooper when he was the Carthage band director. He was very kind. Then I got to know him better when I worked at the pharmacy. He had a good sense of humor.
I am so sorry for your loss.
Sincerely, Kim McCauley

Kim McCauley - June 03, 2018 at 02:36 AM

NH

“ He was my band director. Wow! What fond memories.

Nina L Hines

Nina Hines - June 03, 2018 at 02:02 AM

EN

“ I'm saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Cooper. He was my band instructor several decades ago and, I have carried the passion and love for music and perfection he taught throughout my life. I will be forever grateful. My prayers go out to his family and friends. He will be missed dearly. Ed Nussbaum

Edward Nussbaum - June 02, 2018 at 11:52 PM

HE

“ Mr. Cooper was a sweet and wonderful man and teacher. I will miss him so much. He's the reason for my passion for music.

Hannah Ewing - June 02, 2018 at 11:33 PM

LS

“ Kathy, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

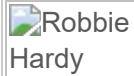
Lynn and Mary Shivers

Lynn and Mary Shivers - June 02, 2018 at 10:24 PM

ER

“ Mr. Cooper spent countless hours helping me with my music, he was such a devoted band director and he adored his students. He will be missed.

Emily Ricks - June 02, 2018 at 09:54 PM



Robbie
Hardy

“ He was a man of perfection in both the band hall and on the field. He was truly dedicated to his students. He was the only person I knew to bust his blood vessel in his thumb, snapping his fingers together to keep us on beat. He was a great Sabine band director. He was a great inspiration to me.

Robbie Hardy - June 02, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Mr Cooper was my high school band director in Sabine. He believed in me when I was an idiot teenager. He saw saw potential in me when I had no idea there were opportunities in the world. He's one of only two people who talked to me about college and my future when I was in high school. I often think about him and the impact he had on my life.

Barbara Goss - June 02, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ Mr. Cooper was my favorite band director. I'll forever have all the memories in my heart. I watch bands march today with the same critical eye Mr. Cooper shared with us as he taught us. My condolences are with this family.

Devin Lee - June 02, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Mr. Cooper was my 1st band director at Judson Middle School. He is the one who suggested I play trumpet. I loved it! He was an Awesome teacher, Mentor, and Friend. When we would act out, he would gain control quickly, and could teach you how to be proud and walk tall accept nothing but the best. Thank you Mr. Cooper. You will be missed. My family and I love you! See you again one day!

LaRhonda Boydston Lee - June 02, 2018 at 07:15 PM

TT

“ Mr. Cooper was a great man! While he was band director at Sabine in the 90's, he taught both our kids (Andy Toole & Shelly Toole Butler). He was such an inspiration to both of them in many ways! They loved him as a great band director & teacher but mostly they were blessed to call him friend!! All these years later he is spoken of fondly by our kids and many others! What an honor to have known him!

Praying for your family Mr. Cooper. We will see you on the other side when it's our turn, Sir!!❤️

Dennis & Tina Toole

Palestine, Texas

tina toole - June 02, 2018 at 07:15 PM

CJ

“ Mr. Cooper was my daughter Katie Jones band teacher she thought the world of him, I got to know him thru her. He was always great to talk to when we would see him at walmart whether it was about what was Katie doing or about hunting, You will be trully missed....R.I.P. my friend

Corbett Jones - June 02, 2018 at 06:58 PM

JR

“ Mr. Cooper was the best! I loved being a drum major under his direction.

Jenn Reavis - June 02, 2018 at 06:57 PM

AT

“ Me Cooper will always stand out to me as one of the best musicians and best band directors of my lifetime. He knew how to push and inspire. He not only was a fine man but a trusted teacher and for us “band nerds” like a counselor. My heart aches knowing he is gone. I am still playing music to this day and I think of him all the time. He will be missed. What a great loss to the music community and lives he’s touched for so many years. See you again Mr. Cooper.

Andrew Toole - June 02, 2018 at 06:35 PM



This man single handedly changed my life. He was a great man mentor and friend.

Rusty Smith - June 02, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DB

“ Lynn Cooper (SLICK) was one smooth operator! Don’t believe I could ever say a bad thing about him. Prayers for his entire family and may you Rest In Peace Mr Cooper.

David Bruner - June 02, 2018 at 06:32 PM

JD

“ Mr Cooper was an amazing band director. He was in Carthage and he quickly became a favorite among the directors. He demanded the best from us but made band fun and our sound was amazing. He was a good man and friend and great teacher. You were missed when you left Carthage and you are definitely missed now. Fly high Mr Cooper.

Jackie Dickerson - June 02, 2018 at 06:16 PM

MB

Mr. Cooper was such a wonderful mentor to so many young kids. Thank you Mr. Cooper and you will forever be missed. Rest in peace and know that your memory lives on.

M. Brown - June 02, 2018 at 09:17 PM


Tabatha Sneed

“*Mr. Cooper was my band director in the 7th grade and the heart he had was amazing. My mom couldn't afford to keep My clarinet so I had to return it and drop from band. When I talked to Mr. Cooper and told him about my situation, he allowed me use a school instrument, the bass clarinet, in order to stay in band. He could have overlooked my misfortune but he truly let his light shine. It was a gesture of kindness that still blesses me today. May his sweet soul rest in peace and his Love live on through the memories of those he impacted.*

Tabatha Sneed - June 02, 2018 at 06:08 PM

RS

“*He was my band director in 9th grade at Longview. It was a privilege to have known him. He had a love of music and made such an impact in my life. I will never forget him.*

Richard Sells - June 02, 2018 at 05:54 PM

BM

“*This breaks my heart! The Sabine band loved our Mr. Cooper! He had a passion for music and harvesting talent in young ones to create a love for music within them! He was the person you just wanted to be around. We love you and will always remember you Mr. Cooper!*

Benji and Blair Maxwell

Benji maxwell - June 02, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *This really breaks me today. Mr. Cooper was an amazingly patient and compassionate band director. He had a great sense of humor and had a rare ability to turn irritated comments into lightheartedness to keep learning and moving forward. I know many of you also learned from him. He really helped many of us become not only better musicians but better people. My condolences to his family and friends.*

Christi Bonura - June 02, 2018 at 04:36 PM

KW

I am so very sorry about Mr. Cooper's passing. He was such a wonderful man and a great band director. He taught so many students and he was such an incredibly amazing band director. He will certainly be missed by everyone who was blessed to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

Karla Watson - June 02, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ *I went to school for years with Lynn. In our senior year, he was my ride to school everyday and home after band practice. I Just moved back to Longview after being away for many years and just a couple of days ago started asking about him and if anyone knew where Lynn was. I am so sorry I was this late in trying to contact him. I can tell everyone that Lynn was one of the good guys. All ways willing to help and with a smile on his face. Prayers and thoughts of peace for the family.*

Rodney (Dusty, Chet) Adkins

Dusty Adkins - June 02, 2018 at 04:23 PM

JS

So very sorry about Mr. Cooper. He was a Great band director and friend to all. Thoughts and prayers coming your way. Joy Sheffield Sullivan B'ham . Alabama

Joy Sheffield Sullivan - June 02, 2018 at 04:34 PM

RB

Great guy. Joined him and Clovis Glenn a few times when they had some sandlot baseball games out at Elderville. My condolences to his family.

Robert Bailey - June 02, 2018 at 05:52 PM