



Jerry Cooper

June 21, 1942 - September 9, 2025

Jerry L. Cooper, age 83, of Eatonton passed away September 9, 2025 at his home on Lake Sinclair. The family will be accepting friends and family on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM in Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville.

Jerry Cooper was the son of the late Dutch and Rebecca Cooper. Survived by his sisters, Lyn Sarli (Richard) and Emily Hatfield Cooper (Steve McMahan); his wife, Sheila Cooper; his children, Stephen Dutch Cooper and William Max Cooper. Also many cousins, extended family members and friends.

After receiving a mathematics degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, he taught middle school in Jacksonville, Florida where he met his future wife of almost 60 years, Sheila. After his brief time in education, Jerry worked with Ford Motor Company for 35 years, until his retirement in 1999.

Raised in the Tennessee hills, Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, naturalist, gardener, and natural history buff. He enjoyed fishing, yardwork, new technology all while repairing cars, machines and anything that could be broken. Jerry loved his family, golf and problem solving. He had a sharp sense of humor and a quick wit. He knew everything and did everything.

Also never forget Jerry L. Cooper made a hole-in-one on April 8, 2021. Also,

his lowest round of golf was a 65 on July 19, 2022.

You may view and sign the online guest book at www.williamsfuneralhome.net

Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

A Gathering of family and friends

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VM

“ So sorry to hear of this. We loved seeing Jerry when he was in. May God wrap his arms of comfort around you and your family. Val Maner

Valorie Maner - October 04, 2025 at 02:33 PM

DL

“ I was blessed to know Jerry playing golf with him and helping him with his Dogfight Golf League Committee duties. Great sense of humor and a caring heart. You could count on him to show up and be there if called upon. Jerry was an inspiration to me as I would observe him give his time and effort going about helping people. He was my friend and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sheila and his family for peace.

David Langston - September 13, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DR

“ Sheila, I'm so sorry to read about Jerry. He was always a joy to see when out and about. I know he will be missed by many. I pray God reaches out and wraps His arms around you and comforts you during this time.
Donita

Donuta Roberts - September 12, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LS

“ Sheila: we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers. Jerry was a fine man and we thought so much of him. Praying you are comforted by the fact that he was loved by so many members of the community.

Larry and Angela Spillers - September 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

EH

“ There was a book long ago called, “My Brother was an Only Child.” We teased Jerry that the book was written about him. He was a great big brother. (Yes, you can read that two ways.) With so much love, Emily and Steve

Emily Hatfield - September 12, 2025 at 10:06 AM

BG

“ I am so sorry to see Jerry's passing. He was a good friend. I always enjoyed being around, golfing and socially. He will be missed. Prayers to family. RIP.

Billy Griner - September 12, 2025 at 09:59 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I will always have fond memories of the times we spent together. Teaching me how to ride a bicycle. Playing badminton at Mama Maners. The scar on my finger from shooting fireworks. Countless other times. He will be missed. Doug Williams

Melvin D Williams - September 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM

DE

“ Sheila. I am very sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers
Denise Johnson



Denise - September 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

BM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I’ll always remember him as my my Daddy’s tall, handsome, smiling cousin. ❤️
Brooke Maner

Brooke Maner - September 11, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BS

“ Bill & Gail Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cooper



Bill & Gail Smith - September 11, 2025 at 04:56 PM

GM

“ Sheila, I am so sorry about Jerry's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Gay Morgan

Gay Morgan - September 11, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ My dearest Sheila, Dutch and Max.

We all had some great times together in those hills. I will always love you and I will never forget my big, greatest, best Big Brother. Richie and I and thinking of you all. Take good care of each other.

Love, Lyn and Richie

Lyn Sarli - September 11, 2025 at 02:52 PM

BM

I had the biggest crush on Jerry, even if he was my cousin! He was several years older and used to torture me...laughing while he did it! We were all blessed to know him and call him family.

Love to Sheila and boys!

Brenda

Brenda Mitchell - September 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

WF

To Jerry's family, Donna and I were saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. He always had kind words and invites to play golf or dinner at the club. The neighborhood will miss him.

Donna and Bill Faucett

william faucett - September 14, 2025 at 06:31 PM