



Joseph Preston Cooley

October 19, 1929 - September 7, 2021

Joseph Preston Cooley, Sr, age 91, passed away peacefully at Lynnwood Senior Care in Laurel, MS on September 7, 2021.

Preston was born October 19, 1929 to the late Fred W. and Martha E. Smith Cooley in Chattanooga, TN and then moved to Sandersville, MS in 1931. He graduated from Sandersville High School in 1947. He then attended Jones County Junior College where he was a member of the State Championship Football Team with his brothers, Sim and Fred who had returned from World War II, and was also proud of the fact that all 3 brothers graduated from Jones at the same time.

Preston was a veteran of the Korean War after being drafted in 1951. He was assigned to the 307 Military Police Battalion and attended training in fingerprint techniques in Tokyo, Japan and then served in Pusan, Korea in POW camps on the mainland and off shore islands of Korea.

He began his career with Transcontinental (Transco) Gas and Pipeline Corporation at Station 80, Sandersville, MS in 1955. He retired in 1988 after 33 years.

Preston was a faithful member of Sandersville Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday School Director for many years. After

retirement from Transco, he was a volunteer for the Christian Food Mission, delivering meals to shut-ins. Preston loved to garden and watch his brother, Sim, coach his Jones Bobcats in the fall.

Preceding him in death were his brothers Sim and John Cooley and sister, Bess Cooley Buchanan.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maxine Norton Cooley. He is also survived by his three sons: Joseph "Joey" P. Cooley, Jr. (Angie), Paul Cooley and Darryl Cooley.

Also surviving him are his eight grandchildren: Kate, Joseph P., III "Chip", Jess, Peyton, Connor, Caiden, Parker Rae and Mary Mac Cooley. He is also survived by his brother Fred W. Cooley (Margaret) and brother-in-law, Charles E. Buchanan.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Buchanan, Chip, Jess, Peyton, Connor, Simmy, and David Cooley. Honorary Pallbearer is Fred Cooley.

The family wishes to thank Darlene Hill, his devoted caregiver, for her love, support and compassion with his care. We would also like to thank Dr. Jack Evans, Nila Conn RN and her staff at Lynnwood Senior Care for their compassionate care.

Services will be held at Sandersville Baptist Church on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am and the service will follow at 11:00 am. Interment will be at Sandersville Cemetery. Reverends Wesley Page and Bud Swindall will officiate.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Sandersville Cemetery

417 North Front Street
Sandersville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sandersville Baptist Church
417 N Front Street
Sandersville, MS 39477

Service

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Tribute Wall

AR

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Our prayers are with your family in the days ahead.

*Nell Gieger
Angela & David Rudolph*

Angela Rudolph - September 14, 2021 at 10:43 AM

AP

“ All my youth was wrapped around Sandersville Baptist Church and all the elders in the church and Mr Cooley made such a wonderful impact on my life.

All of the family did ! Prayers for all of y'all. He has his wings now. 🙏



alicia bergin pryne - September 10, 2021 at 05:51 PM

GL

“ Our condolences on the loss of your father. Our prayer is that your wonderful memories bring comfort during this time of your loss.

Glen and Verna Lowe

Glen Lowe - September 09, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Preston Cooley.



September 09, 2021 at 10:28 AM

LS

“ Love, Ginger and Shane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Preston Cooley.



Love, Ginger and Shane - September 09, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JH

“ I’m sure that my love for Uncle Preston was greatly influenced by my mother’s love for him. Bess was his only sister and she didn’t have any sisters. He was only a year older than she and they had a life long friendship. She would tell us how she would lure him into helping her with the dishes by telling him a little gossip from the girls at school. Before he knew any better, he had the dish towel in his hands and was drying the dishes. They were life long correspondents. She was always up to date back home because of the newspaper clipping and newsy letters and frequent phone calls. And since he lived down the hill from their parents, he kept the family informed as time and age required. He loved his family intensely and loved his church family as well. This stemmed from his love of Jesus.

One treasured memory was from October, 1990 during the week of his birthday. I had a rare solo trip to Mississippi and Uncle Preston decided to take me around. We visited Uncle John and others that day and then attended one of the most exciting high school football games I had ever seen. Ill never forget that happy time with him.

judy healy - September 09, 2021 at 07:37 AM

JW

“Mrs. Maxine, Joey, Paul, and Darrell.... You all are in our family's thoughts and prayers. Your dad reminds me of the Christian life... well lived.

Joey Windham - September 08, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JC

Truly the best man I have ever known.

Jacquelyne Cooley

Jacquelyne Cooley - September 09, 2021 at 01:58 PM

BM

Love and prayers for all the family. He will truly be missed, but I am sure he and my daddy are having a great time. I regret Billy and I will not be able to attend the service because of covid quarantine, but our prayers will be with you. Sincerely, Billy and Diane Morgan

Billy and Diane Morgan - September 10, 2021 at 10:53 PM