



## Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper

January 26, 1939 - March 31, 2024

Miami, Florida

Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper, 85, of Miami, Florida went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 31, at Baptist Hospital in Miami, Florida. He was born on January 26, 1939, the son of Jack Ellis and Mary Ruth Cooper. His first marriage was to Brenda Nadelen Meyer. He later married Debbie Erwin in Miami on September 30, 2014. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church

Left to cherish his memories are his wife Debbie, his son Mark (Patricia) of Tallahassee, Fl., granddaughter Kaylynn Lee Cooper of Orlando, Fl, sister Doni Cooper Duckett of Danville, Il., brother Sid Pat Cooper of Big Stone Gap, Va., along with several cherished nieces and nephews and their families.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, his grandmother, Doni Sewell, and three brothers, Joe Cooper, Ben Cooper, and Tom Cooper.

Jack graduated from Appalachia High School in 1957. He earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1965, and completed an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fl. For four years, he served as a flight surgeon in the United States Navy Corps. He then completed a residency in orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of

Miami School of Medicine, and served as a clinical assistant professor. He was certified in Orthopedic Surgery and the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He held numerous leadership roles including president of the medical staff, and chief medical officer at the Doctor's Hospital in Miami, FL.

Jack was a very wise, kind, and generous person who helped many along life's path. Family was extremely important to him. He made sure his mother, father, son, granddaughter, and siblings were well cared for. His yearly trips to Appalachia were always planned so he would be home for his mother's birthday and especially for Christmas. When he was home, many delicious meals, desserts, and crafts were made and shared with friends and neighbors.

In Jack's spare time, he was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed photography. During his earlier years, he spent time on his boat, diving, deep sea fishing, and swimming. Jack loved and followed the Miami Dolphins, and was a season ticket holder which allowed him to follow his team.

Jack was very close to his grandmother, Doni Sewell, and even at the young age of 5 would walk around and tell customers at the Appalachia Hardware Co. that he wanted to be a doctor when he grew up. Jack was diagnosed with polio when he was in high school which reinforced his desire to become a doctor. He guided his family and patients through broken bones, replaced knees and joints, shoulder injuries, and surgeries.

Jack took a big chunk of our hearts with him, but he left us with the comfort of his love, many cherished memories, and outstanding legacy. What a blessing he was to all of us.

Visitation will be at the Appalachia First Baptist Church, Appalachia, Va from 1:00-2:30 on Saturday, April 13. Funeral services will be conducted by Dr. Nick Brewer Immediately following the visitation Burial will follow at Glencoe

Cemetery, Big Stone Gap, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

University of Va Medical Foundation

Orthopedic Surgery

P.O. Box 37963

Boone, Iowa 50037

# Cemetery Details

## Glencoe

Big Stone Gap, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Appalachia First Baptist Church  
401 Kilbourne Ave  
Appalachia, VA 24216-1813  
(276) 565-9954

## Funeral Service

APR 13. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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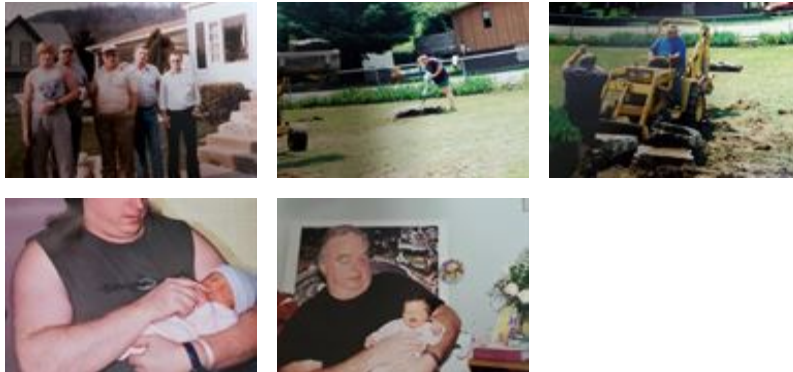
“ Jack and I were friends and colleagues for many years at Baptist Health Doctors Hospital. He was president of the medical staff there off and on many times. When I became president of the medical staff there I relied on his wealth of knowledge and experience. As my friend he would guide me through some challenging issues during my tenure as president. We shared much in common. We both loved football. We both served as team physicians for Coral Gables Senior High School. We enjoyed standing on the sidelines during their football games. Jack brought his swagger as a self described West Virginia “country boy” to everything he did. His trademark cut off black T shirts tipped you off. It was fun telling stories with him at the Doctors Hospital dining room.  
*R.I.P. Jack*

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**Richard Whittington** - May 01, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Roy A Green Funeral Home** - April 13, 2024 at 09:04 AM

MP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. He was a great doctor, friend, boss, human being!! Loved his family! Rest in peace!* ”

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**Maria Luisa Perez** - April 13, 2024 at 08:05 AM

JF

“ *The photos were great. Especially of you mom. and with all your brothers.* ”

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**John Fraley** - April 12, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Dr. Cooper was an excellent doctor, boss, and human being. He will be dearly missed. Deepest Condolences.* ”

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**Diana Uribe** - April 12, 2024 at 06:41 PM

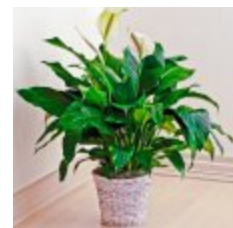
DF

“ *Diana Uribe-Franco and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.* ”

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**Diana Uribe-Franco and family** - April 12, 2024 at 06:38 PM

DF

“ *Diana Uribe-Franco and family purchased the Flor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.* ”



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**Diana Uribe-Franco and family** - April 12, 2024 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ *The Eskamani Family purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.*

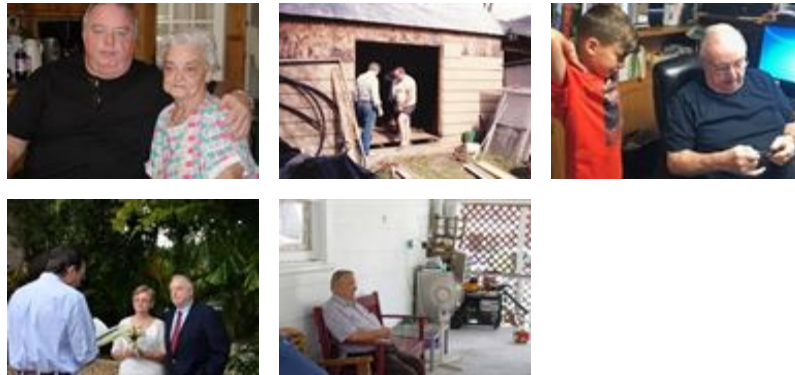


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**The Eskamani Family** - April 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Roy A Green Funeral Home** - April 11, 2024 at 02:45 PM

MP

“ *Maria Luisa Perez purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.*



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**Maria Luisa Perez** - April 11, 2024 at 11:29 AM

CC

“ Jack was a few years older than me when we lived on Brown Street, but he never treated me like a kid. He was in medical school at UVA when I arrived as an undergraduate, and I saw him now and then, usually in the library. My best memory of Jack is his kindness to his mother as she grew older. She was so proud that he always found time to visit. The last time I saw him was when he came to my book signing. We hadn't seen each other for three decades, and he asked, "Do you know who I am?" I leaped from my chair to hug him. We talked for a long time, and he was the same nice person from the old days on Brown Street. He'll never be forgotten by anyone who knew him. I'm sure his patients loved him. Sending my sympathy to his family. Jack, rest in peace.

Carol Collier - April 10, 2024 at 07:24 PM

MA

I had the privilege to work with Dr Cooper in OISF. He was a wonderful person, very kind...he had a big heart. He helped me a lot and taught me a lot in orthopedic. Yes, his patients loved him. I will always remember Dr Cooper with great respect and admiration. May he RIP.

Miriam Abay - April 11, 2024 at 09:40 AM

MP

I agree with Ms collier, he will never be forgotten by anyone who met him. I also worked at OISF and was honored to do so. His patients did love him, he was very kind and caring.

Maria Luisa Perez - April 13, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.



April 10, 2024 at 07:00 PM

SF

“ *Sincerest sympathy to all the family.  
Tommy and Shirley Morrison Fisher*



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**Shirley Fisher** - April 09, 2024 at 02:10 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Blackhawk Engineering Family  
purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for  
the family of Dr. Jack Sewell Cooper.*



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**Love, The Blackhawk Engineering Family** - April 08, 2024 at  
10:09 AM

JF

“ *Mark, I remember when you would come to visit, and we would play  
together. I lived on the corner across the street from your family.  
Peace be with you!*

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**John Fraley** - April 08, 2024 at 09:22 AM