



John William Cooper

December 11, 2007

John William “Bill” Cooper of Cordova, MD died on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at Memorial Hospital at Easton. He was 59.

Born November 16, 1948 in Easton, MD, he was the son of the late John P. and Flora E. McQuay Cooper. After attending Talbot County Public Schools he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Germany.

He was a talented pedal steel guitar player and from the late 60’s until the late 90’s he worked as a musician. He performed from Alaska to Florida to Nashville with, among others, The Ray Cobb Band, Mel Price and The Santa Fe Rangers and Bird Dog and the Road Kings. While playing with the various bands, he either backed or opened for such country stars as Joe Diffie, Freddie Hart, Billy “Crash” Craddock, Don Williams, Ernest Tubb, Johnny Paycheck, Hank Thompson, The Forester Sisters, Shelly West, Lacy J. Dalton, Tom T. Hall, and Dottie West.

Mr. Cooper is survived by two children, Robert S. “Bobby” Johnson of Cordova, MD and John W. “Bear” Cooper, Jr. of Smyrna, DE ; a sister, Shirley Patchett and her husband Kenny of Cordova, MD; five grandchildren, several nieces, great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert Samuel “Sammy” Cooper.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Talbot County Unit, PO Box 1306, Easton, MD or Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John William Cooper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM