



## Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr.

March 28, 1947 - August 24, 2015

Thursby Fairbanks Cooper, Jr., departed this life on Monday, August 24, 2015, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton, MD.

Born on March 28, 1947, in Easton, he was the son of the late Thursby Fairbanks Cooper and Doris Ball Cooper.

Mr. Cooper was joined in Holy Matrimony to Katherine L. Quimby on August 23, 1971. Beside family, on August 23, 2015, they celebrated their blessed union of forty-four years by candle light, love, good food, and laughter.

Thursby graduated from St. Michaels High School and joined the United States Navy in 1965. A proud servant of God and country, he was an Aviation Electricians Mate 2nd Class and served until 1969. Following in family footsteps, he passionately joined the Maryland State Police Academy, in Pikesville, MD, where he attained the rank of Sergeant and served for twenty-five years.

Mr. Cooper was a member of Christ Church in St. Michaels, MD. He was a man of strong faith and love of his family. He was a proud member of the Maryland State Troopers Association. He enjoyed his time at Talbot County Hog Neck Golf Course, Big Al's, and his friendships he made during employment at Wal-Mart. Thursby could be found enjoying past times of

fishing, crabbing, gardening, cooking and baking, and spending time with his granddaughter, Fiona Jewels, and family.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Cooper is survived by his loving wife, Katherine Quimby Cooper, adoring daughter, Amanda Kay Cooper, apple of his eye granddaughter, Fiona Jewels Cooper; and a sister, Patricia Cooper Lomax. He was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Nelson Cooper.

We find him now in the waves of the Eastern Shore waters, that he loved, and in his family's hearts and spirits.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 31, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Christ Church in St. Michaels. Burial will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery in Hillsboro, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 501 Idlewild Avenue, Easton, MD 21601 or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Paul's Cemetery

Hillsboro, MD

## Previous Events

### Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church  
301 S. Talbot St.  
St. Michaels, MD 21663

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers your way, Amanda. Know we are thinking of you during this difficult time. - Jodi and Bob*

**Jodi Davis** - September 02, 2015 at 07:10 AM



*Thank you Jodi. Love you.*

**Amanda Cooper** - September 08, 2015 at 01:05 AM

TS

“ Starting in 2003, when we first started spending every weekend in St. Michaels, Maryland, we quickly learned that the best thing about St. Michaels was Big Al's Seafood. Big Al's quickly earned a place on the speed-dial of my cell phone. When I was twenty minutes away, I would click that link and order a dozen of "The biggest crabs you've got" to pick up in twenty minutes.

The best thing about buying crabs from Big Al's was Thursby. He cooked up the crabs in the back. He would bring them out of the kitchen, wiping the dripping sweat from his forehead, and take a much-needed break from the heat of the kitchen to say hello. I had never met anyone with the first name of Thursby. It took me a while to remember. I finally locked it into my memory bank by telling myself, "I always order crabs on Friday, but he bought them yesterday, on Thursby." Of course, they were always caught fresh on Friday, but it helped me remember Thursby's southern name.

Thursby would tell us about the weather, the crab harvest, word from the boats, the size of the crabs, and when they would be at their fullest. Thursby knew something about everything, and was happy to share it. Thursby could hold up his end of a conversation and then some, but without ever talking too long. He knew the crabs were fresh and hot and you needed to get them home. He would tell you not to roll the top of the brown shopping bag closed, or they would keep cooking and get soft.

My favorite memory, among thousands, of Thursby was the day I called in for another dozen of their biggest crabs. When we got there, he came out of the kitchen, sweating profusely from the heat, and apologized that they would be twenty minutes late.

"I know you and your wife like extra large or jumbo crabs, and we ran out of them. So I sent the boss down to the docks to get you a dozen of the biggest ones he could find, and he just got back with them." When he brought them out, freshly steamed, he had an ear-to-ear smile and said, "I hope you enjoy these. I guarantee they're

*fresh and the biggest in town!" They were the best crabs ever. Knowing what Thursby and Big Al (or maybe it was 'Little Al', his son, that day) had gone through for our dozen crabs was better than all the Old Bay on the planet.*

*I work for a company that prides itself on stellar customer service. We don't sell crabs, but we would do well to attain the level of customer service that this man personified, whether in protecting our nation in the US Navy, or our state as a Maryland State Trooper, or cooking crabs for families to enjoy with their friends and families on a hot summer day.*

*Rest in Peace, Thursby, and Godspeed, sir.*

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**Tom Stevenson** - August 31, 2015 at 09:29 PM

AC

*Thank you ever very very much. This was a beautiful memory I didnt have and now will always have because of you. My mother mentioned dad spoke of your family often and how nice you and wife are. Thank you so much- Thursby's adoring daughter, Amanda Cooper.*

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**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:32 PM

BF

“ Dear Kitty and family,

*Deeply saddened by Thursby's passing. He was always well liked and thought of through our years at St. Michaels High School and through his career. Class of 1965 is very grateful that we were able to spend time with you and Thursby during our celebration of our 50th class reunion. We're all so happy that we were able to connect and laugh together. Sending love & prayers, Beverly (Edinger) and Skip Flater.*

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**Beverly (Edinger) Flater** - August 30, 2015 at 05:58 PM

AC

*Thank you so much. Amanda Cooper.*

**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:35 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr.*



**Vickie Bildstein** - August 29, 2015 at 12:42 PM

AC

*Thank you very much. Amanda Cooper.*

**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JD

“ *We spent a lot of time together as young men. Until the reunion I hadn't seen Thursby for more than 45 years so it was so good to be able to talk to both he and and Kitty. As a young man, he had a great sense of humor and I remember Mr. Kleen hitting him on the side of his head so hard I expected it to roll off down the hall.*

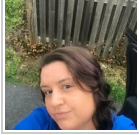
*Jim Daffin*

**jim daffin** - August 28, 2015 at 05:17 PM

AC

*Thank you very much. Amanda Cooper.*

**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ We are truly sorry to hear about the passing of Mr cooper, he will be missed dearly.

*The Jones, Gary, Ruth Ann, Erin, Brian*

Erin Jones - August 28, 2015 at 10:05 AM

AC

*Thank you all very much. Amanda Cooper.*

amanda cooper - September 01, 2015 at 09:38 PM

DF

“ Doug, Ellen Quimby and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr..



Doug, Ellen Quimby and Family - August 28, 2015 at 09:02 AM

SL

“ R.I.P. Brother. God Bless family and friends. MSP Sgt. Retired Milton Lilley

Sgt. Retired Milton Lilley - August 28, 2015 at 08:31 AM

AC

*Thank you sir. Amanda Cooper.*

amanda cooper - September 01, 2015 at 09:39 PM

EH

“ So sad to here of Thursby's passing. Was glad to see you at the class reunion in june and spend some time talking to him. Bill Valliant sends his condolences too.  
*Ed Harrison*

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**Ed Harrison** - August 28, 2015 at 07:16 AM

AC

*Thank you very much. Amanda Cooper.*

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**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:39 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Thursby Fairbanks Cooper Jr.*



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**Phil Foster** - August 27, 2015 at 02:15 AM

AC

*Thank you so much. Amanda Cooper.*

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**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *Alan and I are so sadden to hear of your loss. We loved Thursby and will always remember him as one of the best story tellers ever, as well as a part of the Big Als family. Our prayers are with you.*  
*Alan and Helen Poore*

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**Helen Poore** - August 26, 2015 at 03:28 PM

CL

*Thursby was a good man. The kind you would trust your life with. Thankfully we shared some life stories at our 50th class reunion last June. His passing leaves a void and sadness.*  
*Charles Ludlow*

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**Charles Ludlow** - August 28, 2015 at 12:17 PM

WT

*Very sorry to hear of Thursby's passing. He was a real inspiration to a young cadet, while working at the Easton Barrack. Men like Thursby are who made the Maryland State Police a Great Department!*

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**Wayne Totaro** - August 28, 2015 at 12:44 PM

BP

*Thursby was a good man, a good police officer, and a good friend. It was a honor to work with him when he was in the MSP and I was Police Chief in St. Michaels. He was the best of the best and I shall always remember him.*

*Bill Patchett*

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**Bill Patchett** - August 29, 2015 at 05:48 AM

AC

*Thank you all so much. Amanda Cooper.*

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**amanda cooper** - September 01, 2015 at 09:41 PM

RJ

*My brother Douglas Jefferson was a friend and classmate of Thursby until we moved from St. Michaels to Kent Island in 1959. On behalf of Doug, who passed away in 2008, my older brother Paul who lives in Florida, and myself, we express our sincere condolences to Thursby's family and friends on his passing.*

*Robby Jefferson*

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**Robby Jefferson** - September 13, 2015 at 06:40 AM