



Howard Cooper

May 29, 1958 - May 9, 2019

Howard Quayle Cooper, loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend passed away May 9, 2019 at his home in Alpine, Utah. He was 60 years old.

He was born May 29, 1958 in American Fork, Utah to John Berry ("JB") and Udene (Garrett) Cooper. He graduated from Lehi High School in 1976, where he excelled at football, basketball, baseball, golf, and tennis. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 1978 to 1980 in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission. He married his sweetheart Bonnie Brown in 1985 at the Salt Lake Temple, and they had three children.

Howard was an avid sports fan and enjoyed cheering for the Utes (even the years when there wasn't much to cheer for) and, much to his family's dismay, watching golf. His favorite activities were getting kicked out of recreational sports leagues, going to Disneyland with his family, and spending as much time as possible in his robe. Howard was a friend to everyone and had a unique gift of making everyone feel important and comfortable around him. He loved serving others; a terminal pancreatic cancer diagnosis didn't stop him from helping build decks, fixing sprinklers, or helping people move. We are going to miss his wild sense of humor terribly.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Bonnie, children John Garrett (Patrycja), Kirra, and Chloe. He is also survived by his mother Udene, siblings RaeDene (Richard) Clay, Kim (Laurie) Cooper, and Rhonda (Bart) Blackstock, and sister-in-law Kathleen Cooper. He is preceded in death by his father JB Cooper and brother Michael Cooper.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, May 18th, at 11:00am, at the Alpine Stake Center, 98 E Canyon Crest Rd, Alpine, where Viewings will be held Friday, May 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Saturday from 9:30 until 10:30 am. Interment in the Lehi City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Lehi City Cemetery

1100 N. 400 E.

Lehi, UT, 84043

Events

MAY **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Alpine Stake Center

98 East Canyon Crest Road, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

MAY **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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MAY **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Howard was one of those who I met as a softball teammate, but whose personality and camaraderie transcended the game and he became a lifelong friend. There was never a shortage of laughs and fun memories shared whenever our paths crossed. One thing that was totally unique to Howard, that I have never seen any other person actually do during all our years of playing softball, was he would turn a double play with his bare throwing hand. He would eschew using his glove and just grab the ball out of thin air with his bare hand and whip it to first, saving the oft-needed split second to complete the double play. One of the coolest things I've seen in softball. Howard will be deeply missed.

Doug Fox - May 21, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ Though I wasn't around Howard a lot, since I'd traveled most all the time after moving to Alpine in 2000, I always felt great when around him. Our best time is when he set up that night-time golfing one very dark night. My wife & he were frequently fighting cancer together when they were doing so at American Fork Hospital, but always with a smile. Wish I'd had more time to be around him. Best regards to the family - I'm sure he's left great memories. Thomas & Karen Carey

Thomas Carey - May 18, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Howard and I have been friends since he returned from his mission. He was engaged to my sister-in-law. They broke up, we didn't. We both love golf and I can remember numerous times he would come out to California and we would play 54 holes a day until our hands were blistered. He loved the course because we never had to have a tee time, we would just go play. We were flying to San Diego for a tournament in Mexico on 9/11. We only got to Las Vegas and the plane was grounded. We were able to rent a van, and so Howard, Dennis and I golfed our way back to Alpine. That was when Howard and Dennis were in airport security. I love Howard, he is like a brother to me, or maybe more. I will miss not being able to call him and talk about Tony Finau, or Tiger Woods. We don't talk politics and you know why. I'm sure the celestial kingdom will have golf courses, and I will meet him there again. I will miss you Howard and I love you. Ray Pearson



Ray Pearson - May 17, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Howard was one of my first math students at Lehi High School after moving to Lehi in 1974. He was a character to say the least. He didn't like doing homework, but would always do well on his tests. I also helped coaching football. He was a great player. It was fun to watch him in all his sports. He enjoyed his wood shop class from Mr. Walker. I still have a "wooden boat" that he made for me that still hangs on my family room wall. Howard's personality has always stood out. He was a great guy. One I will always remember. I wish his family the best. It is so difficult to lose a loved one so early. Thank goodness families can be together forever. Mike Bailey

Mike Bailey - May 17, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Howard was always friendly and kind to all he knew! It was my pleasure to take Howard golfing and to play softball against him and with him. He will always be remembered by my family with great love. Going forward you can be certain he is in a good place as he is with Mike and JB God bless all of you Steve Chadwick (Jerry Chadwick's brother).

Steven Chadwick - May 17, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Howie was the best steady catcher we ever had! I loved that man, and your great family. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.
Love, Jim MacNaughtan

James MacNaughtan - May 14, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ I Loved Howard from the moment I met him. He was best friends with my brother, Chip Atkinson when they were 9 or 10. He was a good baseball player. My Dad was the coach and Howard would make my Dad shake his head and roll his eyes at the antics this kid would do. There was a special connection with Howard, he was like an extra brother. He and my brother participated together in sports from elementary through high school. He and Chip were friendly rivals; Punt Pass & Kick, basketball, football, anything with a ball, and I'd be there to cheer them on. He was so fun to grow up with!! No matter where I'd see him, he'd give me that giant bear hug of his.

I smile when I think of you and all the laughs you gave me. Each May 29th, I'd called you and wish you Happy Birthday. I will this year and I will just look up and tell you. Heaven is so lucky to have you-I hope they know how amazing you are! I will always love you!

Judy Atkinson Evans

JUDY EVANS - May 14, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ I loved Howard Cooper! We worked on 2 roadshows together. He was the Hero/villain and kids in the audience screamed when he appeared on stage. We won both roadshows because of him. What a neat person and funny man. Loved all of the Coopers. Wonderful memories. Bonnie M. Hardman

Bonnie Hardman - May 13, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Billy Brown shared so many memories of Howard with me. I'm sure you are having a great reunion together in heaven. Prayers are with your family at this time.

Karen Brown - May 13, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Howard was 9 months older than I was. As young children and Cousins, we played and grew up together. One of my favorite childhood Memories, was riding in a big truck, to the dump. Our parents had cleaned out Grandma and Grandpa Garrett's home on Main Street. They had things piled high in the truck to take to the dump. Howard, Rhonda and I sat on top of the "junk" with a big jar of licorice. We ate the licorice all the way to the dump. We thought it was a great adventure. Howard could always make us laugh. I love you dearly, Hoot. :) I am so glad we are Family. Terri Chadwick Driscoll



Terri Lyn Driscoll - May 10, 2019 at 07:00 PM