



Robert Huntington Cooley

March 8, 1939 - December 5, 2022

Robert Huntington Cooley, age 83, of Hendersonville, NC, passed away in his home on Monday, December 5th, 2022. He was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on March 8th, 1939, to Robert Huntington Cooley, Sr., and Ellen Lucy Cooley. He became a graduate of Ypsilanti High School.

Robert, "Bob" to those who knew and loved him, was preceded in death by both his father, Robert, Sr., and Ellen, his mother, as well as his own son, Michael David Cooley. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy, and his children, Robert and Marti, his sister, Jody Cooley, and his brother, Thomas Cooley (Sandy Cooley).

Bob met his lifelong sweetheart, Nancy Cooley in high school, and they shared a loving relationship for 68 years and married together for 64 years. Shortly after they met and began their journey through life, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an SOGC-3 E4 seaman on the U.S.S. DALY DD519 from 1957-1961. Once he finished his service in the military, he went on to start his career, which spanned time and hard work at Ford, and many years at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he worked as a biomedical engineer. Bob and Nancy were blessed with three children; Marti Harris (Patrick Harris), Robert Cooley (Marlana Cooley), and Michael Cooley. Bob and Nancy were also given seven grandchildren; Craig, Matthew (Saki Murphy-Kajitani), Maisey, Paige Broome (Matthew Broome), Myles, Dominik, and Marissa, as well as three great-grandchildren, Tess, Audrey, and Ezra.

Bob was known by his family and friends as a man who loved laughter, and

could always be counted on for a joke and a deep laugh at every interaction. In the 1970s, Bob volunteered at children's hospitals in Michigan to cheer up the patients by dressing up as a clown in the Zal Gaz clown troupe, making balloon animals, and bringing joy into their lives. Bob enjoyed spending time with his cats, Misty and Mo, as well as metal detecting, golfing, antiquing, cooking with unique kitchen gadgets, bird feeding, and vacationing in Florida and Las Vegas.

Bob will be laid to rest at the North Carolina Veteran's Cemetery in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

Old US Hwy 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



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