



## Johnny Cooper

September 17, 1946 - January 3, 2024

Johnny Cooper, longtime Terrell resident, passed away on Jan. 3, 2024. Johnny was born to Glenna Coultas Cooper and Johnny Hal Cooper in Dallas, Texas, September 17, 1946 and was lovingly raised by his grandparents, William Leslie and Grace Cates. Johnny was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, sister, Glenna Aline and sister-in-law, Glenda Killian. Growing up in Terrell, Johnny was very active in athletics especially football and track during his high school years and he was also active in First Baptist Church as a young man. After graduating, he served six years in the Army National Guard of Texas and Army Reserve from 1966 to 1972. On December 28, 1968, Johnny married Lea Ann Dudley and in 1974, they welcomed their son, Craig Cooper, after which he and Lea Ann welcomed their second child, a daughter, Jennifer Cooper, in 1978.

After living in the Dallas area for 5 years Johnny and LeaAnn made their home in Terrell where they were active in the community. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time at Oak Grove Country Club with many of his close friends. Johnny also served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America from 1984 through 1987 and was awarded The Order of the Arrow for his dedication to Troop 391.

Johnny started in the construction business in the 80's with his brother Royce Cooper and later started a successful partnership with Clyde Scott. They built many homes, churches, and businesses in and around Terrell, many of which can still be seen today as wonderful testaments to a thriving community that

has grown exponentially since Johnny was a young man. In 1997, Johnny fulfilled a dream of acquiring land and building a country home north of his beloved hometown of Terrell. He enjoyed spending countless hours tending to his cows, riding through the open pastures, and teaching his grand kids how to fish, hunt, camp and drive the Kubota. In 2022, he retired to Grapevine where he and Lea Ann both moved closer to share in the lives of his children and grandchildren. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to many, Johnny's legacy for his family will continue to be forever cherished. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lea Ann Cooper of Grapevine; his son Craig Cooper and wife Jennifer of Keller; his daughter Jennifer Daniel and husband Sam of Grapevine; five grandchildren: Bennett Cooper, Grace Cooper and Maggie Cooper of Keller and Emily Daniel and Logan Daniel of Grapevine; brother, Royce Cooper and wife Brenda of Lantana, TX and his sister-in-law Robby McGinnis and her husband Noble of Sugar Land; brother-in-law, Wesley Killian of Terrell along with nieces, nephews, other extended family and many friends, each of whom will greatly miss Johnny.

A Celebration of Life will be 4:00PM, Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with his family receiving friends beginning at 3:00pm to service time. For those wishing, the family suggests memories in honor of Johnny be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation at <https://wish.org/ntx> or to Campground Cemetery, PO Box 369, Terrell, TX, 75160.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



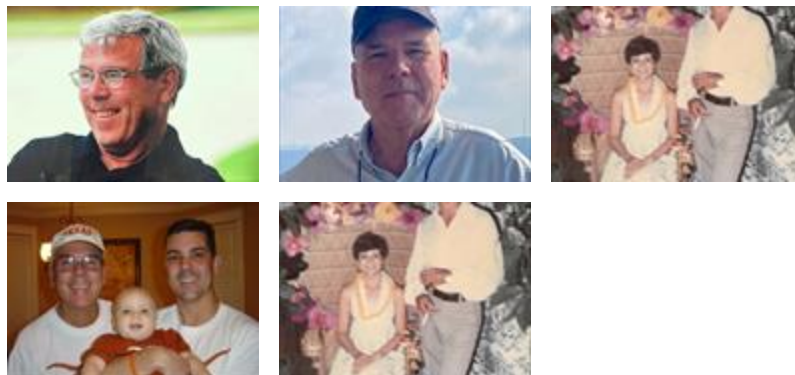
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Cooper*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - January 12, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *174 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - January 12, 2024 at 06:43 PM

KS

“ *Prayers sent for LeAnn, Craig & family, Jennifer & family & all of the Cooper Family!  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Karo & Wilson Stewart & family*



**Karo Stewart** - January 12, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



January 12, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



January 12, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



January 11, 2024 at 09:48 PM



“ *Prayers for the Cooper family*



**Ronnie Smith** - January 10, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



January 10, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Royce and Brenda purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



**Royce and Brenda** - January 10, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.*



January 10, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *We are praying for your family.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�  
❤️ *Frank and Elaine Kasper.*



**Elaine Kasper** - January 08, 2024 at 06:32 PM

RH

“ Rick & Cindy Hunter lit a candle in memory of Johnny Cooper



Rick & Cindy Hunter - January 06, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Cooper.



January 06, 2024 at 03:00 PM

KK

“ Kathy and Kenny Kyles planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Cooper.

Kathy and Kenny Kyles - January 06, 2024 at 02:16 PM

JD

“ Lee Ann, I am so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing, and I know you and your family will miss him terribly. I remember him way back to the First Baptist Church in Terrell when he lived with the Macallys and his brother, Royce. May God bless you and your family!

Jack Davidson - January 06, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *Daria and I are praying for you all.*



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**Peter McNabb** - January 06, 2024 at 07:41 AM

KW

“ *When my dad passed Johnny came up to me and my siblings to tell us how much our dad loved us and how proud he was of us. I will never forget it. He didn't have to say anything but he made point to tell us this. I always loved Johnny, He was so friendly, smiling and always spoke when I saw him.  
Prayers to the entire family.*

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**Kelly Lawson Wynne** - January 05, 2024 at 08:53 PM

BH

“ *Lea Ann and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, and we share in your sorrow. Praying for your hearts to heal.  
Barb and Rick Hendricks*

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**Barbara Hendricks** - January 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CK

“ *Cristi K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Cooper.*

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**Cristi K.** - January 04, 2024 at 10:05 PM

MC

“ *LeaAnn and family, may God give you strength through these most difficult days. Prayers for you. Marvin & Suzy*

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**McCook** - January 04, 2024 at 05:26 PM

RT

“ *Lea Ann, Jennifer, Craig, and families,  
We are sorry.....sorry for your loss as a soulmate, a father,  
grandfather, and relative to all within John's world. Great memories  
will fill the void John leaves. Happy memories will bring an instant  
smile and other moments will sneak out of our eyes and roll down  
our cheeks. John's hundreds of friends share these thoughts. We  
join all his friends and relatives who would love another chance to  
visit, to reminisce, to say we cared. Rick and Sandy*

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**Rick and Sandy Traylor** - January 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

DP

*Please know Bill & Della Jo send you all prayers & Blessings*

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**Della Jo Pesta** - January 04, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MF

*Lea Ann I am so sorry for your families loss. May God wrap his arms  
around you and give you comfort during this difficult time. Prayers for  
you and your family. Margaret Kilmer Flanagan*

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**Margaret Flanagan** - January 04, 2024 at 07:05 PM

MB

*LeaAnn, I am sorry for your loss and am praying for strength for you  
and your family.*

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**Mary (McAnally) Barganier** - January 04, 2024 at 07:28 PM

BW

*Lea Ann and family please know that Susie and I are praying for comfort and peace for you and your beautiful family during this time. I will always remember enjoying and talking with Johnny over these past many years. He was always a pleasure to be around, and I considered him a great lifelong friend. Just as you!*

*Respectfully,  
Bruce & Susie Wood*

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**Bruce Wood** - January 04, 2024 at 10:34 PM

CW

*Dear LeaAnn and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Many prayers for peace and comfort to you all. ~Claire Welch*

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**Claire Welch** - January 05, 2024 at 11:30 AM