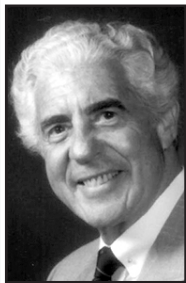


Obituaries

Raymond Cooper



Cooper

Raymond Milton Kupchinsky Cooper, was born in New York City, on Dec. 19, 1921. He died Thursday (Feb. 2, 2012) at his home in Delray Beach, Fla. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton, the world's largest all boys' high school, where he served as vice-president of the student body of 10,000 students. From 1940 to 1942, he attended New York University, studying to become a lawyer. Leaving his studies to enter the armed services, in 1942, he went to Officer Candidate School and became a lieutenant in the Army Air Force. He was then assigned as Classification Officer for the Waycross Army Air Base. While stationed here, he met his wife, the former Anne Jacobson, and they were married in 1947, after the war was over. They lived in New York for four years, then moved back to Waycross in 1952 and were both very active in community activities.

He served for eight years as a board member of the Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce Development Authority, serving one year as chairman of the board and two years on the sales committee. It was while he was chairman that the first "spec" building was erected at the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Park ... on the very site where he was stationed.

He was chairman of the Ware County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 1958, the year that the Salk vaccine was introduced.

He and his wife Anne served as co-chairpersons of the 1986 and 1987 Education-Funds Crusade for the Ware County Unit of the American Cancer Society and originated the Paul Azinger Pro-Am Cancer Benefit Golf Tournament.

He was a member of the Exchange Club of Waycross and recipient of the "Mr. Congeniality Award," as well as being named "Exchangite of the Year for 1986-1987."

In 1986, he and Anne were honored as both were recipients of the Kiwanis Club's Miller Medal, an award "recognizing a member of the community whose service gives primacy to the human and spiritual qualities of life."

In 1987, he received the Liberty Bell Award from the Waycross Bar Association.

He was the 1987 recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Jack Williams Community Service Award for "outstanding service to Waycross and Ware County."

He served as president of the Waycross Hebrew Center for 20 years, with he and his wife Anne taking a very active role in the annual Brotherhood Program and Open House at the synagogue.

The Morris Jacobson Brotherhood Award, established in memory of Anne's father, is presented at this time to someone in the community who exemplifies "brotherly love and community service."

He was often asked to speak at local churches and schools on the topic of "Jewish Family Life," and always enjoyed sharing religious beliefs and understandings.

Georgia Gov. Zell Miller appointed him a member of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, to serve from Nov. 15, 1993 to Nov. 15, 1995, in Atlanta.

He was a member of the Retired Officer's Association, the Okefenokee Golf and Country Club and the Nomburg Golf Reunion.

He was a retired Life Underwriter for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The Coopers moved to Delray Beach, Fla., in 1996. Before they moved, a "Resolution of the Central Baptist Church" was presented to the Waycross City Commission for the naming of the street "Raymond and Anne Cooper Drive."

He was elected the first president of the Men's Club in Polo Trace, the new community where they had moved.

His parents were the late Max and Fanny Kupchinsky, of New York. They moved to Waycross in their latter years.

He and his wife Anne have three children, Gloria (husband Mordechai), of Jerusalem, Israel; Dr. Marc (wife Cheryl), of Boca Raton, Fla., and Lonnie Cooper, of Atlanta.

They have seven grandchildren, Dr. Marissa Cooper (husband Shawn), of Boca Raton, Fla., Ross Cooper, of Atlanta, Cory Cooper, of Atlanta, Isabella Cooper, of Atlanta, Brandie (husband Bill) Parker, of Coral Springs, Fla., Joshua (wife Alona) Lipinsky, of Israel; Yitzy (wife Chaya) Lipinsky, of Israel.

There are six great-grandchildren.

He will be laid to rest Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Jewish Cemetery, within Oakland Cemetery.

Rabbi Daniel Levin, of Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Fla., will officiate at a graveside service.

The family will leave after the service to return to the family home in Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waycross Hebrew Center, 610 Screven Ave., Waycross, Ga. 31501.

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com

Miles-Odum Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Lettie L. Whitaker

Lettie L. Whitaker, 68, died Friday afternoon (Feb. 3, 2012) at Baptist Village Retirement Communities following an extended illness.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Music Funeral Home.

Andrew 'Andy' Cain

Andrew S. "Andy" Cain, 83, died Thursday afternoon (Feb. 2, 2012) at Satilla Regional Medical Center of Waycross, following a brief illness.

He was a native of Albertville, Ala., and lived most of his life in Sneads Ferry, N.C. He made his home in Waycross for the past 10 years.

He was the son of the late William Tyson Cain and Edith Annette Jones Cain. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Sue Saxon Cain, and his second wife, Jean Marie Avery Cain, and a brother, Newman Shirey.

He retired with the rank of gunnery sergeant with the United States Marine Corps after 22 years of service. He served tours of duty in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He later retired as a commercial fisherman in Sneads Ferry, N.C. after 35 years.

He was a member of Post No. 9133 of the Jacksonville Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jacksonville, N.C., and the Post No. 4382 George Waylan Hiers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Waycross. He was a charter member and a 50-year member of the Stump Sound Masonic Lodge No. 680 F.&A.M.

Survivors include a son, David Cain (wife Sheila), of Maysville, N.C.; two daughters, Susan Cain Anderson (husband Gary), of Grandy, N.C., and Karen Elizabeth Cain, of Waycross; step-children, Donnie Ouellette (wife Melanie), of Townsend, Mass., Vicky Cade (husband Wayne), of Blackshear, Mark Ouellette (wife Renee), of Yuma, Ariz., and Scott Ouellette, of Blackshear; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Sneads Ferry Pentecostal Holiness Church in Sneads Ferry, N.C.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com

Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Harris O'Steen

BLACKSHEAR — Sarah Evelyn Harris O'Steen, 97, of Blackshear, passed away Thursday afternoon (Feb. 2, 2012) at the Baptist Village Nursing Home.

Born in Pierce County on Feb. 1, 1915, she lived in Pierce County all of her life. She was a homemaker, a member of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church and loved to fish. She came from a family of 12 and married into a family of 12 and was considered the community nurse while growing up.

She was a daughter of the late Martin and Lela Tatum Harris. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Hendry Joshua O'Steen, who passed away in 1987; a son-in-law, Bob Lairsey; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, J. Gwen Lairsey, of Waycross; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harry D. and Carman O'Steen, of Eulonia, Homer P. and Diane O'Steen, of Shellman Bluff, and Tommy M. and Gail O'Steen, of Hoboken; a sister, Hazel Bell, of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother, Arlen Harris, of Nashville, Tenn.; 23 grandchildren, Steven and Deitrah Lairsey, Donna and Dan Dixon, Dee Lairsey, Dawayne and Brandi King, Patrick King, Kanda King, Manuel O'Steen, Lupe O'Steen, Luz O'Steen, Erika O'Steen, Marisa O'Steen, John O'Steen, Jeff and Jackie O'Steen, Patricia O'Steen, Ariel O'Steen, Edward and Kathy Lynn, Martin and Lisa Lynn, Rodney and Nikki Lynn, Jenny O'Steen, Joshua O'Steen, Lane and Kim Murphree, Brandon and Rebecca Murphree and Haley and David Garrett; 27 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; a special friend, James Leverett, of Waycross; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Pearson-Dial Chapel.

Interment will be in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Visitation will be held this evening from 6 until 8 at the funeral home.

The family requests that the staff of Hall 6 at Baptist Village serve as honorary pallbearers. Please meet at the funeral home by 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Satilla, 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, Ga. 31501.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com

Pearson-Dial Funeral Home, of Blackshear, is in charge of the arrangements.

Sandra Hendrix May

Sandra Hendrix May, 70, died Friday Morning (Feb. 3, 2012) at Satilla Regional Medical after an extended illness.

She was a native of Waycross and lived most of her life in Waycross and Blackshear.

She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was the daughter of the late Margaret Hendricks Proctor and step-father, Vasco Proctor. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, William C. May, daughter, Cynthia Bowen Atwell, granddaughter, Meghan Atwell, grandson, Levi Bowen, and brother, Jimmy Proctor.

She is survived by two sons, Tommy Bowen, of Blackshear, Chris Bowen, of Ohio; two grandsons, John Thomas "J.T." Atwell and Andrew Bowen; sister, Pam (Alvin) Proctor Walker, of Blackshear; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Sunday from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waters Cemetery.

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.smithfuneralhome.us

Smith Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy L. Bannamon

Dorothy L. Bannamon, 89, died Thursday evening (Feb. 2, 2012) at Satilla Regional Medical Center.

She was a native of Ty Ty but lived in Waycross for many years. Her parents were the late Anthony Turner and Axie Carter Turner. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Arnette Bannamon Jr.

She was a longtime member of Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church and a retired school teacher in the Waycross school system.

Survivors include three sons, Jackie Bannamon (wife Katherine), of Alexandria, Va., the Rev. Phillip Bannamon (wife Ruthia), of Atlanta, and William Franklin Bannamon (wife Carolyn), of Waycross; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Friends are being received at the Bannamon residence, 1208 Dorothy St.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Fluker funeral Home.

Ivan D. Cornelius

A graveside service for Ivan D. Cornelius, 78, was held Friday afternoon at Arabia Cemetery in Homerville with Raymond David Cornelius III officiating.

Music Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

'Nicki' Sue Kenseth

CAMBRIDGE, Wis. (AP) — The mother of NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth has died.

An obituary from a Cambridge, Wis., funeral home and Kenseth's fan website say Nicola "Nicki" Sue Kenseth battled Alzheimer's disease and died Tuesday at age 63 at Oak Park Place in Cottage Grove.

Matt Kenseth grew up in Cambridge and won the Daytona 500 in 2009.

A funeral service is scheduled Friday at Willerup Methodist Church in Cambridge. She is survived by her husband, Roy, her children, Kelley and Matt, and five grandchildren.