



Charles "Chuck" Cooley

March 6, 1951 - March 8, 2014

Cedarville – Charles “Chuck” Preston Cooley went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday March 8, 2014. Chuck was a well known civil servant in his hometown of Cedarville, Ohio. His outgoing personality and overwhelming generosity will certainly be missed throughout the community. Chuck was born on March 6, 1951 to Harold and Elizabeth “Betty” Cooley. He graduated from Cedarville High School in 1969 and from The Ohio State University in 1974 with a degree in Agricultural Science. He married Deanna Mason on March 23, 1974. He spent the early years of his married life working with his father on the family farm. In the late 1980’s he took a part time job with the United States Postal Service delivering mail in Cedarville and South Charleston. He transitioned to a full time mail carrier in the early 1990’s. Chuck has always had a love for pine trees. He planted a wind break across from his home in 1980 and then planted 5 acres full of pine trees behind his house. He spent lots of time watching the trees grow and shearing them each summer. He opened Cooley Pines Christmas Tree Farm to the public in 1985. Since that time “Cooley Pines” has been the source of many family Christmas trees and Chuck has transplanted many of his trees around the Cedarville area. Chuck also dedicated countless hours of community service to the Cedarville Volunteer Fire Department. He joined in April of 1974 and responded to his first EMT call during the Xenia tornado. He was always willing to stop whatever he was doing when the tone “dropped.” In 2009, Chuck received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Fire Department for

35 years of faithful service. Chuck has enjoyed spending the last several years of his life being known as "Pap." He loved to laugh and play with his grandchildren both next door and in California. His favorite vacation spot was about 3 hours north of Cedarville on the shore of Lake Erie. He loved to be in a boat drowning worms or standing at the top of Perry's Monument at Put In Bay. Chuck served his county by being a Supervisor for the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District. He would attend monthly meetings and travel once a year to the annual convention. He made many friends around the United States. He also had the opportunity to travel internationally. On two occasions he flew to Kosovo to visit his daughter while she was serving as a missionary to that country. No matter where he was or what he has doing, he quickly made friends and left a positive impact on those around him. Chuck's attitude was contagious. His easy-going, others-focused way of life is one that everyone would do well to adopt. Chuck is preceded in death by his father (Harold) and mother (Betty), his brother-in-law (Robert "Bob" Saunders) and his grandson (Joshua Caleb Cooley). He is survived by his wife (Deanna), Son (Brett) and daughter-in-law (Angie), daughter (Beth Coulson) and son-in-law (Kenneth Coulson), sister (Cathy Saunders), niece (Bobbi Jo Saunders) and Nephew (Luke Saunders) and four grand children (Alyssa and Sara Cooley and Grace and Sophia Coulson). Visitation will be Tues 5 to 8 pm at the Cedarville United Presbyterian Church. The Funeral Services will be held Wed, March 12, 1:30 pm at the church with addition visitation 1 hour prior to service. Burial will be at North Cemetery in Cedarville. In lieu of flowers, condolences may be made to the Cedarville Volunteer Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **11.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cedarville United Presbyterian Church

Visitation

MAR **12.** 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Cedarville United Presbyterian Church

Service

MAR **12.** 1:30 PM (ET)

Cedarville United Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to the family. I remember Chuck as a valuable part of the conservation partnership!*

*Michelle Lohstroh
Natural Resources Conservation Service*

M Lohstroh - March 12, 2014 at 01:17 PM

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“ *It was a privilege to have Chuck on the soil and water conservation board in the years I worked in Greene County, and with his father before him. They were both dedicated to conservation and forestry. It was fun to connect with him at national Conservation District meetings and hear about the progress with his pine trees. I regret I cannot be there in person, but he and his family will be in my prayers today.*

Mary Ann Rozum

Mary Ann Rozum - March 12, 2014 at 09:24 AM

JG

“ *Cooley Family,
I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Chuck through Soil and Water activities in general and Area 4 meetings in particular . Chuck was long time treasurer of the Area and very interested in Forestry. He often gave committee reports.*

Joe Glassmeyer, President Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Joe Glassmeyer - March 11, 2014 at 08:53 PM

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Constance White - March 10, 2014 at 01:12 PM

MJ

“ Cathy,

We are so sorry to hear about Chuck. We just saw and talked to him at an auction. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May The Lord comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time. Cherish the good times and all the wonderful memories.

Love, Mary (Flax) and Tim Jones

Mary (Flax) & Tim Jones - March 09, 2014 at 08:41 PM