



## Vernon "Gene" E. Cooper

April 14, 1946 - May 6, 2015

COOPER, Vernon "Gene", 69, of Springfield, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. He was born on April 14, 1946 in Springfield, the son of the late William Sr. and Victoria (Adams) Cooper. He is survived by his siblings, Bill Jr. (Dixie) Cooper, Norma (Philip) Harris, Candace (Rocky) Potts and Barbara (Dave) Nightingale; brother-in-law, Brice (Clara) Gordon; nieces and nephews, Marty, Crystal, Troy, Kim, Pam, Chris, Tracy, Tim, Denise, Lanette, Harley, Troy, Suzanne, Amanda, Brian and Jennifer; special friends, Ron Pyles and Ralph Whitehead; and numerous other friends. He is preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Gordon and Nephew, Jamie. Gene was a proud veteran in the United States Marine Corp. He was a part owner of Vermillion Cooper and later was the private owner of Gene Cooper Enterprises. He was an avid motorcyclist and had numerous riding buddies. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. at JACKSON LYTLE & LEWIS LIFE CELEBRATION CENTER, with visitation held two hours prior beginning at 12. Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW Post 1031 Grimes -Kohl, 1237 E Main St, Springfield, OH 45503. Condolences may be expressed to his family by visiting [www.jacksonlytle.com](http://www.jacksonlytle.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Burial Park

Springfield, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Jackson Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center  
2425 N. Limestone St.  
Springfield, OH 45503  
(937) 399-2811

## Service

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon "Gene" E. Cooper.*



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May 12, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ *I had the opportunity to be a neighbor of Gene (he hated when I teased and called him "Vernon"), Deb & Jay for many years. He was such a unique person and never ceased to amaze and entertain! One of the most wonderful and things about Gene Cooper is that he stepped in and raised Jay as his own. They had the father and son relationship that many crave and wish for, blood didn't mean a thing when it came to Jay. It is such a shame that Jay and Mason were somehow omitted from Gene's obituary. So to you, Gene "Vernon" :- ) Cooper, I miss those days when you would pull in the driveway with your beautiful corvette or one of your awesome motorcycles and always with a sheepish grin. You are and will always be missed.*

*Cynthia Clay Thomas*

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**Cynthia Clay Thomas** - May 12, 2015 at 09:17 AM



“ *Ethel Harwood lit a candle in memory of Vernon "Gene" E. Cooper*



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**Ethel Harwood** - May 12, 2015 at 08:51 AM

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*I met Gene in 1993. He was quite the character. If he was your friend, you had a jewel. His personality was his own. The mold was broken. RIP.*

**Ethel Harwood** - May 12, 2015 at 08:54 AM

LM

*I've known Gene for probably 30 plus years and if you was he was your friend you had a true friend for life. He will surely be missed. RIP Gene.*

**Larry May** - May 12, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ *Cooper, Thank you more than you will ever know for being a great friend to my dad. Your laugh will always be remembered! So glad I was able to sit and visit with you a couple of months ago. Rest In Peace.*

**Jessica Dietmeyer** - May 11, 2015 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Robert & Bert Druckenbroad lit a candle in memory of Vernon "Gene" E. Cooper*



**Robert & Bert Druckenbroad** - May 11, 2015 at 08:06 PM

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**Doug Snyder** - May 11, 2015 at 07:58 PM

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“ This doesn't come close to saying everything there was to Gene Cooper. He for one treated Jay Tingley and my son's Preston & Pierce Newland as his own. They each knew that he was always there for them. And I knew that too. He was particularly close to Preston, they had a standing weekly Friday night together. Words cannot really express how deeply he will be missed. My kids enjoyed all his "tales" . Some true, some not. But they still liked hearing them. We weren't in his life when he was racing. But somewhere is a scrapbook of all of his racing days. He really loved being with his shooting buddies @ The Sportsman' s Club. We attended lots of potluck dinners there, wherefore stories were heard. Not only did he enjoy his motorcycles , but he loved fine tuning them. Designing his own bikes. He loved all of his biker buddies. His construction business included building homes locally, and made many new friends. Gene's Marine days planted him in Vietnam at the early of 17. He served 6 years over there. As Gene aged his health started failing. But unless you knew him well, you wouldn't know. It didn't stop him. Not from working, riding or much else. Gene will be missed by tons of people. He knew everyone. And once he was in your life, you were there. Forever. Gene was one of a kind. May he rest in peace, knowing that he was loved.

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Sharalee Insley - May 11, 2015 at 07:33 PM