



Richard "Dick" Cooper

March 25, 1937 - September 16, 2021

Richard Lee "Dick" Cooper, 84, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family September 16, 2021. He was born in 1937 to the late John Ben Cooper and Bessie Mae Pinney on the eastside of Indianapolis as one of ten siblings. Richard attended Howe High School, and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956-1960 as a mechanic servicing B-47 bombers. After serving his country, he worked for 50 years as a journeyman electrician for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 481, spending his last ten years before retirement at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Richard was married to his wife Patricia for 60 years, and they spent their life together only two blocks away from his childhood home, where they raised their two sons, Steve and Jim. He loved camping and fishing on the lakes of Ontario, Canada, which he revisited many times over the years with his many fishing buddies and his family. Richard was an avid photographer for many years, and frequently submitted his photos for competitions in the local newspaper. After retirement, Richard and his wife traveled across the western states of America every year in their RV to escape the harsh Indiana winters. But his greatest lifelong interest was always the space programs of NASA. He loved to talk about humanity's future in space, and spent much of his free time learning about the latest developments and watching live feeds of NASA's various missions. Richard was well known by his neighbors and dedicated himself to maintaining a quality community, always there for anyone who

needed his help or advice.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Richard is survived by his wife, Patricia Cooper; sons, Steve (Diana) and Jim (Eunju); and siblings, Jo Ann Calvin, Shirley Wayman and Gene Cooper. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pat Steve & Jim*
Your husband & dad was one of a kind !
We were grateful to get to know him .
Prayers for all of you at this time.
Tony & Mary Linton

Tony Linton - September 20, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Always enjoyed being around Dick. Great sense of humor & loved to*
tease my wife. Hugs & prayers to Patty & the boys.

Larry Sears - September 17, 2021 at 08:38 PM

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Thank you Larry!

Tiffany Rose - September 20, 2021 at 08:10 AM