



## Rev. V. David Cooper

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Reverend Doctor Virgil David Cooper, age 76, died on June 10, 2026. A celebration of life will be held on June 20, 2026, 11:00 am at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Frankfort with a reception to follow.

Dr. Cooper was born in Kennett, Missouri on September 18, 1949. He was the son of Millage Franklin and Helen Glessner Cooper. He was married to his childhood sweetheart, Sherry Malyn Cooper, for 55 years. Dr. Cooper was a 1967 graduate of Kennett High School. In 1971 he graduated with a BA in music from School of the Ozarks. He then taught music in the Hollister public schools while also serving as the minister of music at Branson Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was called into the ministry and in 1978 when he completed a Master of Divinity at Lexington Theological Seminary where he later completed his doctorate.

Reverend Cooper served as senior minister in Disciples of Christ churches in South Carolina and Kentucky. His military service included Navy and Air Force Reserves and he was later commissioned as an Air Force Chaplain. He was a member of the Air National Guard followed by active-duty Air Force for 12 years, for a total of 31 years of military service retiring in 2011 at the rank of Colonel.

After retirement he lived on Jephtha Creek Farm in Waddy, Kentucky where he continued shepherding by raising sheep. Dr. Cooper loved music, was an avid

reader, hunter and fishermen. He enjoyed singing with the Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus, the Mid-America Singers, the Cincinnati Symphony May Festival Chorus, mixed ensemble and men's ensemble.

Dr. Cooper was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerry Franklin Cooper. He is survived by his wife Sherry Malyn Cooper, three children Amy Beth Cooper-Puckett, Jarred David Cooper, Ryan Martin Cooper, brother James Allen Cooper (Betty and family), Jerry Cooper's family, his son-in-law Steven Louis Puckett, daughters-in-law, Rebecca Fain Cooper and Johnna Devins Cooper, six grandchildren, Taylor Anne Puckett, Avyn Faith Puckett, Connor David Cooper, Asa Monroe Cooper, Cade Martin Cooper, and Kipton Franklin Cooper, great grandson Kayden Derrick Jennings, many family members and close friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church  
316 Ann Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601