



Marty Joe Cooper

July 15, 1953 - April 11, 2026

Marty Joe Cooper was born July 15, 1953, in Big Spring, Texas, to John Marvin Cooper and Joan (JoAnn) Sybil Johnson Cooper. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the age of 72 years.

Marty attended Midland High School in Midland, Texas, where after graduation began his management career at Burger Chef in Midland. After leaving Burger Chef, he then began his retail career at Sears. Marty then moved to Abilene, Texas, and began working with Montgomery Ward's. He worked there for nearly five years and was then hired at Wal-Mart in Burkburnett, Texas, as an assistant manager. He worked various jobs at other stores within the states of Texas and Oklahoma as an assistant manager before getting his own store in Holdenville, Oklahoma. A little over a year later, Marty transferred to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and became the store manager. After being there for close to seven years, he left Tahlequah and became store manager in Owasso, Oklahoma. He was the store manager there for over 20 years before his retirement in 2012. After taking a couple of years to relax, Marty joined the Cornerstone Ace Hardware store in Owasso as the store manager in 2014. He worked there until retiring again in 2024.

Marty married Cleta Kay Samples in 1973 in Midland, Texas, which resulted in the birth of his two sons, Chad, in 1978, and Jared, in 1986. Later in life, he entered in a relationship with Karen Sue Chamberlain, for whom he was with until her passing in September of 2025. Marty and Karen helped to raise their

granddaughter, Alyssa, with whom he had a special bond.

Marty enjoyed a variety of pastimes including fishing, playing golf, and trips to Mexico. Unfortunately, Marty was a loyal fan of Texas Longhorn and Dallas Cowboy football. He was an Eagle Scout in his youth, of which he was very proud. Marty was active in the Owasso community as a longtime member of the Owasso Chamber of Commerce, as well as Bailey Golf Ranch.

Those he leaves behind who hold a lifetime of cherished memories include his two sons, Chad Cooper and his wife Jennifer, and Jared Cooper and his wife Katelyn, granddaughter, Alyssa Chamberlain, brother, Kevin Cooper and his wife Nancy, sister, Patricia Anglely and her husband Chris. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Joan (JoAnn) Cooper, and fiancé, Karen Chamberlain.

A Celebration of Marty's Life will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2026, at First Church in Owasso with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church
10100 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

MAY 1.

Folds Of Honor- Marty Cooper
<https://p2p.onecause.com/foldsofhonor/jared-cooper>

Memorial Fund

MAY 1 (CT)

Owasso Community Resources
109 North Birch Street #109
Owasso, OK 74055

<https://www.owassohelps.org/donate/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Worked with Marty at the Tahlequah Walmart. Excellent manager and a great friend. Blessings and prayers to all the family.* 🙏🏻✝️

Geno - May 02 at 10:04 AM



“ *Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Marty Joe Cooper.*



May 01 at 03:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marty Joe Cooper.*

May 01 at 03:16 AM



“ *Johnny, Jackie and Elijah Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marty Joe Cooper.*



Johnny, Jackie and Elijah Johnson - April 30 at 07:24 PM

MO

“ *Maher, Booco, Ochs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marty Joe Cooper.*



Maher, Booco, Ochs - April 30 at 12:19 AM

SH

“ *Hey there brotha! That's what Marty would say every time we saw each other or talked. Many times, in life, you find a great MAN or a great LEADER or one who truly CARES for their community or someone with a genuine HEART for serving others or one you call your FRIEND ... Rarely do you find someone with them all -- now you have, that is Mr. Marty Cooper!!*

Chad, Jared and Alyssa : I know you know, but truly know how much Marty loves, brags and appreciates you!

Wishing you Fair Winds and Smooth Seas my brotha! and a straight, wide fairway!! Miss you more than any words will ever describe!

Shad

Shad - April 28 at 12:07 PM

BR

“ *Brad and Teena Robbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marty Joe Cooper.*

Brad and Teena Robbins - April 28 at 11:36 AM

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“ Brad and Teena Robbins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marty Joe Cooper.



Brad and Teena Robbins - April 28 at 11:36 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marty Joe Cooper.



April 28 at 11:12 AM

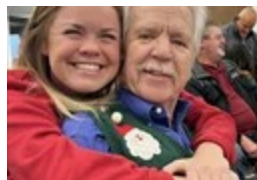


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April 28 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ A legend. I miss you Marty.



Jamie Garland - April 28 at 01:04 AM

DM

“Marty was my manager and also helped with the Owasso Chamber Auctions with many donations and help on Trail Dayd when I was a Board member then in the 90’s. My favorite memory of Marty was when he would try to impersonate Elvis and he was very good at that. Sadly. “Elvis has left the building” and he will forever be missed by this whole community and beyond. Fly high Marty you now have wings.

Donna Best McCain - April 21 at 03:02 PM

TR

“Marty is from Midland Tx. He was my cousin and one of my best friends. We grew up together. Every one in our families loved Marty and he was always there to help anyone who needed him. We were in Boy Scouts together and Marty was an Eagle Scout. He loved playing softball and we played many years together. We fished together as much as we could being 3 hours from any lake. Marty gave me my first job at Burger Chef when I was 16 years old. He loved serving people and that led him to Sears, Montgomery Wards and eventually to Walmart. Later in life he found a passion for golf, but fishing trips to Mexico catching bass was one of his biggest hobbies. He loved his family and was so proud of Chad and Jared. Like so many I will miss him terribly, but will always have the memories.

Tony Robbins

Tony Robbins - April 18 at 06:44 PM

LS

“When my husband needed of to go see his dieing dad Marty made sure he got to go. And he checked on me daily how I was taking care of our kids. Then in September of 2025 my husband had a stroke and Marty checked on us. Marty u well be missed. Bobby and laura smith

Laura Smith - April 13 at 08:15 PM

DR

“ I worked with Marty nearly half of my life. The loyalty dedication that the associates had for him is indescribable. He always said, “if you take care of your people, they will take care of you!” He was truly the gold standard of a manager and a friend. He continued to support us in our milestones and sorrows in life. He was the head of our Walmart family! My heart is broken.



Deana Royer - April 13 at 06:58 PM