



Alexander J Cooker

February 15, 1943 - October 23, 2021

Alexander J Cooker, 78, of Carneys Point, NJ passed away peacefully at Salem County Medical Center on October 23rd 2021.

Growing up on a farm, Alex was a farmer at heart. He worked on the family farm while attending Glassboro State College. After earning his teaching degree, he felt it was his duty to enlist in the U.S Army. He attended O.C.S (Officer Candidate School) at Fort Benning, GA.

He served one year active duty in Đắk Tô, Vietnam. as 2nd Lieutenant and was later promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he assumed position of science teacher at Penns Grove High School, with 30 years of service. In between teaching, he coached basketball, soccer, and even found time to earn extra money as an umpire with the Delaware Umpire Association.

Alex always found time for his family. He was a loving, devoted husband and father. He particularly enjoyed visiting his many aunts and uncles, as well as attending many large family gatherings.

Alex enjoyed a 20 year retirement, staying active in Penns Grove VFW post 8840, The National 4th Infantry Association and St Gabriel the Archangel Roman Catholic Parish. He also enjoyed: tending to his garden, cooking, polka dancing, playing the accordion, and seeing the country with wife of 54 years, Marian.

Survived by his wife Marian and son Alex, nieces, nephews, and many

cousins. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Jacob and Helen Cooker, brothers Michael Cooker (Carol), and James Cooker.

Family and friends may attend graveside services at The Salem County Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Pilesgrove, NJ at 11:00 AM. Thursday the 28th of October.

Due to Covid-19 the family ask that mask be worn.

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans Cemetery

719 NJ-45
Pilesgrove, NJ 08069

Previous Events

graveside service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Sorry to hear of Alex's passing. I graduated with him from PGHS in 1961 and we won the Tri-County baseball championship that year. Alex was our catcher. He was also a 135 pound fullback and punter on our 1960 football team and was a ferocious competitor. I was just checking Google to search for folks from the class of 1961. Also saw that Rich Cheeseman died in 1914, another friend from that class. Alex and Rich were great friends.

John Craven - October 06, 2023 at 04:38 PM

SF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I am just seeing this! Mr. Cooker was my Chemistry teacher at Penns Grove High School. I remember the stories he would tell.
Shayla Battista Foote

Shayla Battista Foote - January 16, 2022 at 08:49 PM

KV

“ Alex - sending condolences to you and your Mom. Reading all of these messages, your Dad sounds like a stand up gentleman, patriot and all around great human being. May he rest in peace.
Kelly V.

Kelly Volker - October 28, 2021 at 12:19 PM

NE

“ Dear Alex , I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Much love and prayers for you and your mom.

Noel Mascio (Erhard) - October 28, 2021 at 12:55 AM

SF

“ Rest in peace mr. Cooker also enjoy talking to you after the years at the v f w when I was stationed in Philadelphia was a great teacher and a great person

Stephen fostwr - October 27, 2021 at 12:50 AM

JH

“ Mr. cooker was my Science teacher at PennsGrove High School in the late 70's he was a very good teacher and an even better person whom I admired , and I enjoyed seeing him "PROUDLY" wearing his uniform and carrying the American Flag while marching in the parades. and participating in events and keeping active in our Community. Mr. Cooker you are defiantly an inspiration to all. Thank You for Your Service and, all that you have done. and may you "Rest in Peace "

Jerry Hall

Jerry Hall - October 26, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alexander J Cooker.



October 26, 2021 at 03:40 PM



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October 26, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Alex always kidding me about the Cadillac! Rest in peace cousin. You are an admirable person.*

Darlene Dixon (Cooker) - October 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Marion and Alex, My heart goes out to you both and pray for your healing in this time. Faryl*

Faryl - October 26, 2021 at 09:39 AM

MF

“ *M. Gibson and your Avantor Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alexander J Cooker.*



M. Gibson and your Avantor Family - October 26, 2021 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ *Our deepest Condolences to Marion and Alex from the Morris Family.*

Immediate thoughts/memories that come to my mind about Alex Sr:

--A reserved man of few words....but what he said counted

--Diligent, by the book, always in order...trusted agent

--Served his Country honorably and appreciated it even more through his experiences

--Teacher, Mentor, Husband, Father

And if you go camping out in the the woods during inclement weather, he WILL find you!

Jason Morris - October 26, 2021 at 06:23 AM

CD

“ *He inspired me to become a chemistry teacher. He was so patient and caring. I made sure I was in his class three times. I will never forget him.*

Christina DiMauro - October 25, 2021 at 09:36 PM

YM

“ Marion and Alex.....so very sorry to hear about my dear cousin Alex. I always admired him for being such a devoted husband and father - he loved you both so very much. I so appreciated the visits that Marion and Alex made to my parents' home. Dad especially loved the conversations they had (as well as a drink or two). So many wonderful memories of family celebrations seeing Marion and Alex dancing together. You will be missed dear cousin. Thanks for many wonderful memories. May you Rest In Peace.

Yvonne and Family

Yvonne Susnick Morse - October 25, 2021 at 07:12 PM

MI

“ Mr. Cooker, I enjoyed your Science class at PGHS. You were an excellent teacher the class of 79 will always have you in our prayers. My family and I enjoyed your stories when we would take trips together ❤️ May God bless you dear Mr. Cooker.

Michele - October 25, 2021 at 07:05 PM

ID

“ My deepest condolences to Marion and Alex. May your beloved Alex rest in peace. I taught with him at the high school. He was a good teacher and wonderful colleague. ❤️🙏❤️

Irene Dickey - October 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM

CS

“ My condolences to Marion and Alex. Thinking of you!!! Rest in peace Alex. 🙏🙏🙏

Carmela Schreiner - October 25, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JJ

“ Our deepest condolences to Marian and Alex. Christmas will not be the same without you ! You will be deeply missed. Lots of love always!

Johanna and Steve

Johanna Justice - October 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family. Mr Cooker was my science teacher at PGHS!! May he rest in peace.

Sharon Surrency - October 25, 2021 at 05:04 PM

CF

“ RIP Mr Cooper. My thoughts and prayers are with the family



Cheryl Williams Foster - October 25, 2021 at 04:57 PM

BS

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of my cousin AL. He was a kind and gentle soul, good family guy, and just a wonderful person. He will be missed.

Bob Sharamatew - October 25, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CS

“ My sincere condolences to my cousin Marian, Alex was such a great husband. Also my condolences to Alex , hope to see you both the next time I come up to Jersey.❤️❤️ Carolyn and Jimmy.

Carolyn Short - October 25, 2021 at 04:15 PM

SV

“ Stephen And Charlotte Valesky lit a candle in memory of Alexander J Cooker



Stephen And Charlotte Valesky - October 25, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SV

Marian Our Deepest Sympathy For The Loss Of Your Husband Alexander 🕊️ And Deepest Sympathy For The Loss Of Your Father Nephew Alex 💙 We Have Many Beautiful Memories Together As Stephen's Cousin And 36 Yrs As My Brother In Law 💕 May Alexander's Spirit Soar On High 🙏🕊️🕊️

Stephen And Charlotte Valesky - October 25, 2021 at 03:11 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Alex. Condolences to Marion and family. Lew and Carol McFarland

caro mcfarlanf - October 25, 2021 at 02:32 PM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time!

Rob & Janis Cooker - October 25, 2021 at 02:06 PM

MC

“ So sorry Aunt Marian and Alex sending lots of love and hugs ☐

Mc - October 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM

LL

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Cooker. My condolences to your family and friends.* ”



Lisa LeTorre - October 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM