



## Don Leroy Cooper

December 27, 1938 - July 15, 2021

Don L. Cooper was born December 27, 1938 in San Jose, CA to Helen and George Cooper, as one of seven children, he passed away peacefully following a brief illness on July 15, 2021 in Santa Barbara, CA. Don was a very proud father of his sons Greg Cooper (Registered Nurse) and Scott Cooper (co-owner of the family business with him). Additionally, Don was a proud veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, splitting his military career between the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy. Don had many interests, including: aviation, classic cars and motorcycles, world history, and was a collector of rare and antique books. Don worked in the early days of the personal computer boom in Silicon Valley as a marketing manager with Intel, before becoming a small business owner in 1985 when he purchased Ditec Mfg. in Santa Barbara (now located in Carpinteria, CA), and was the president of Ditec until his passing. Don was extremely proud to be a small business owner on the Central Coast. Don was preceded in death by his wife Diane in 1977, and his siblings George, Gilbert, Elise and Greg. Don is survived by his remaining siblings Caroline and Charlene, his sons Greg and Scott, and numerous nephews and nieces. Services will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 1030 am at Santa Barbara Cemetery, with a celebration of his life to follow at the family home in Santa Barbara.

# Cemetery Details

## **Santa Barbara Cemetery**

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Previous Events

## **Urnside Service**

**AUG 3.** 10:30 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

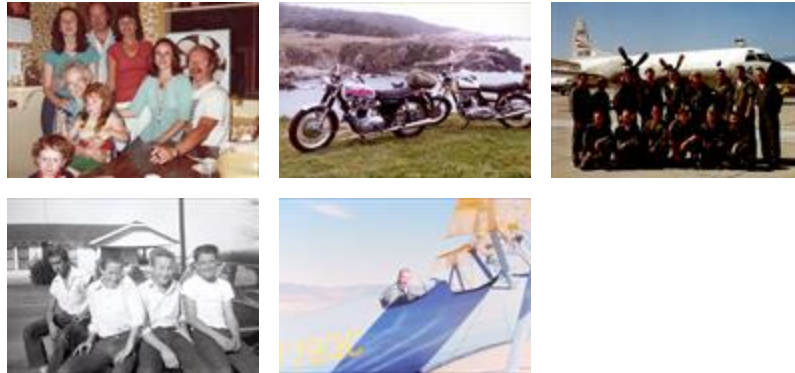
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“ *Former Air Commando, my favorite uncle was bigger than life to me. He loved the finer things of life. My life has been enriched and his memory will always be very special to me. God bless you Uncle Don, may you rest in peace.*  
*Bob Coleman*

**Bob Coleman** - July 31, 2021 at 07:58 PM

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**Greg Cooper** - July 31, 2021 at 04:22 PM

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*I never met Don but he has been a friend of my husband Ronny Belcher since 3rd grade. They talked by phone a lot and he will miss that immensely. Prayers for all the family. Helen Belcher*

**Helen Belcher** - July 31, 2021 at 05:02 PM

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*You will always be alive in my mind and will live in our hearts forever*  
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**Jan** - August 02, 2021 at 12:47 AM

DB

*Thank you for your service.*

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**David Braford** - December 27, 2021 at 09:25 PM

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“ *I love you Dad and miss you every day. Thank you for being one of the world's best single parents and shaping me into and creating the man that I became. Scott and I will keep your company alive and you will live on in memory forever. Love, Greg*

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**Greg Cooper** - July 31, 2021 at 02:33 PM