



John William "Bear" Cooper Jr.

March 18, 1974 - September 9, 2016

DELMAR- John William Cooper, Jr., "Bear", 42, of Delmar, died Friday, September 9, 2016.

He was born March 18, 1974 in College Park, Georgia, a son of Rhonda S. Cooper Hearn of Delmar and the late John William Cooper, Sr.

"Bear", as he was fondly known, worked as a lineman in the cable industry for several years before following his dreams to become a tattoo artist. He was known for his creativity and skill in the tattoo business. He will be remembered for his crazy sense of humor, his beautiful singing voice and his love for dancing.

In addition to his mother and her companion, Steve Bengel, he is survived by children, Kristofer Fleetwood, Cheyenne Fleetwood, Dayton Fleetwood, Ivy Allen, Alex Sumrall and Angel Muir; grandchildren, William and Catherine; a brother, Robert Cooper Johnson; sisters, Sylvia Lewonas, Tina Anderson (Tommy), Mandi Hearn and Cassie Hearn; and his best friends, Rebecca Lyons & Pearl Prettyman. He is also survived by a niece, several nephews and a host of close friends.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 32827 Old Stage Road, Laurel, DE, 19956.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to any Bank of Delmarva branch. c/o John Cooper Benefit.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home, Delmar. Online

condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **21**. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
32827 Old Stage Road
Laurel, DE 19956

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John William "Bear" Cooper Jr.*



Short Funeral Home - September 23, 2016 at 08:00 AM



I miss you so much Bear, I just watched this for the first time and sit here and cry, I love that they used the last picture I took of you with the minions you were so excited to take them that day and to see my cross around your neck I still remember the day I gave it to you...i cherish all our times, and I wear your tattoos with honor and pride til we again, love you for all eternity

Catherine Carey - September 29, 2016 at 08:45 AM



I love and miss you so much my beautiful handsome son you will never be forgotten til we see each other again

Rhonda Hearn - September 29, 2016 at 10:04 AM



Very beautiful they really did a great job. Rhonda you are in my prayers.

Marlene Crowe - September 29, 2016 at 04:29 PM

RH

“ Rhonda Cooper Hearn lit a candle in memory of John William "Bear" Cooper Jr.



Rhonda Cooper Hearn - September 23, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ Bear I can't believe you are gone we talked only two days before you left us, I look at all my tats you've done for me over the years , we've been friends since 7th grade thru thick and thin we always had each other's back, and my girls always loved their uncle Bear, I feel terrible I didn't make your service because I'm extremely sick, but you and God know how much I love you and miss you never forgotten, til we meet again

Catherine Carey - September 22, 2016 at 08:09 PM

RP

Hermoso tributo k dios lo tenga en su santo reino mi querido amigo bear de parte de tus amigos liagiba otos y soto abigail

rosa pagan - September 30, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William "Bear" Cooper Jr..



September 20, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ I met Bear when I was 15 years old, he did a tattoo for me, now 20 years later I am proud to have called such an amazing man my best friend. No matter what life threw at either of us, we always found our way back to each other. He taught me how to tattoo and sparked a passion in me that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I am gonna miss our long talks and crazy conversation, but most of all his laugh. He always had my back and I had his, thick or thin good and bad. I've never known another person who loved so deeply and who truly had a heart of gold. We understood each other, we were 2 peas in a pod. Rest easy Bear, until we meet again. I love you....Pearl

Pearl Prettyman - September 20, 2016 at 04:51 PM

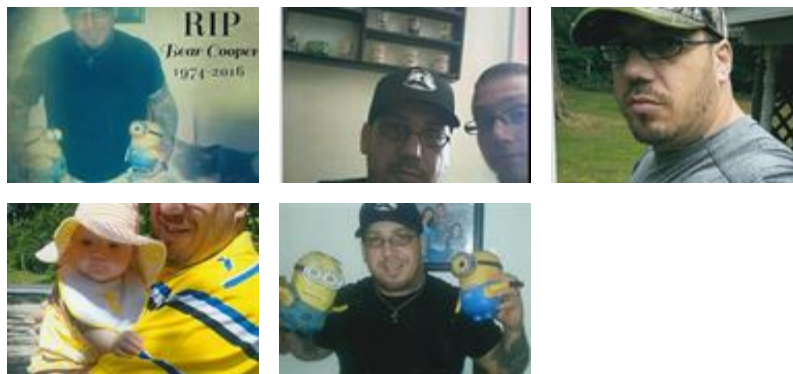


“ Your in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry for loss of Bear

Sharon and Don - September 20, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



Short Funeral Home - September 20, 2016 at 01:38 PM



So very sorry for your loss, Rhonda...

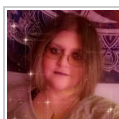
Karen Pugh - September 20, 2016 at 05:44 PM

RH

“ *Loving son I'll love you forever until we meet again mommie*



Rhonda Cooper Hearn - September 19, 2016 at 09:20 PM



Stay strong love ya and prayers to family and friends. From berkebile family.

Lucinda Berkebile - September 20, 2016 at 06:06 PM