



Matthew Ballard Cooper

May 23, 1964 - April 20, 2020

One of the brightest stars in our universe was extinguished as Matthew Ballard Cooper “Flea Dog,” passed away peacefully on Monday, April 20, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born May 23, 1964 in Washington, D.C., a son of Beverly and Gary Cooper of Delmar.

Matt graduated from Southern High School near Annapolis with the class of 1982. He was a sports enthusiast and a faithful fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Redskins. Also known as Matt, Mateo, Flea and Flea Dog, he loved life and could light up a room wherever he went and will be remembered by so many who knew and loved him. He was an accomplished salesman and sold various products and services throughout his lifetime. God gave him the gift of a great smile and the ability to talk and sometimes talk very loud. Flea and his wife Denise opened “Bistro 54” in Delmar, where they met many wonderful and close friends. Along with friends, he was in the process of opening “Bin 54” wine bar in Delmar.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of almost 18 years, Denise (Cobb) Cooper; a brother and his wife, Mark and Karen Cooper of Bishopville and their children, Kristin Stortini of Rockville and Paul Stortini of Philadelphia; in-laws, Meredith and Daniel “Doc” Cobb of Delmar; and a brother-in-law and wife, Danny and Wendy Cobb and their children, Emily and Brendan of Ada, Michigan; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of close friends. He is also survived by his six furry, four-legged “children,”

Prada, Meadow, Bistro, Oliver, Freckles and Louie, his beloved Shelties. He was preceded in death by grandparents, June and Ted Cooper and Helen and Lester Ballard; uncle, Lester "Pee-Wee" Ballard; and twin brothers who died in infancy.

The celebration of life for Matt Cooper will be held at Denise and Matt's home on Saturday, September 26, 2020. A visitation will begin at 2pm with a service to follow at 3pm. Matt loved his home so this is a fitting tribute in true Matt fashion. The family asks that you dress very casual, with bright, vibrant colors, just as he always did. This celebration is for all of us as we remember his smile, his laugh, and his loud fast talking voice. As always, at their home, there will be plenty of food and drink available. Many memories will be shared with everyone. There is no doubt we will hear him say "Are you kidding me."

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, c/o Memorial Gifts, 3800 Reservoir Road NW, Washington, DC 20007 or by visiting <https://www.medstarhealth.org>

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Matthew and Denise's Home
36499 Robin Hood Road
Delmar, DE 19940

Service

SEP **26.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ So sorry to hear about Flea. Our Love and prayers going out to you Denise and Family. Such a shock to hear of his passing. He was always smiling and sharing joy to others. God bless and big hugs! Love Karl and Kay Habig Delmar, De

Kay Habig - May 01, 2020 at 10:18 AM

CW

“ Matt was such a fun person to be around. We went to high school together and I can still see him walking in the halls with his bright smile and blonde hair! Always fun to be with he truly was a great guy. Please accept my sincerest condolences

Chrisite Cestone Wilson - April 24, 2020 at 06:24 PM

DH

“ Condolences to Matt's family. I will always remember Matt as a sweet, fun loving man. His personality was so uplifting and he was a joy to be around. Gone but never forgotten. Rest In Peace Flea.

Dave Hessie - April 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM

BL

“ Brandi Lee lit a candle in memory of Matthew Ballard Cooper



Brandi lee - April 23, 2020 at 12:09 AM

MB

“ *Condolences to Matt's Family . To Bev and Gary, So sorry for your loss . You are in our prayers.
GOD BLESS*

Mike and Mary Buccheri

Michael Buccheri - April 22, 2020 at 11:11 PM

RD

“ *RIP Matt ,*

Prayers for Demise and the family .

Robert Donovan

Robert Donovan - April 22, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ *It's a sad day here on the Eastern Shore! The loss of Matt Cooper hits hard for soooo many!! I have groomed Matt and Denise fur babies for over 20 years. Super Coop was his nickname at Michelle's Pretty Paws. He would prank call us wanting a job or sneak in our back door! He made of laugh and smile with all his shenanigans!! We will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to his amazing wife and family!!*  

Michelle Baker - April 22, 2020 at 05:17 PM

DD

“Denise so sorry for your lost, of a good man. He always had a way of making everyone feel special. Always with a beautiful smile, and always so friendly. He will surely be missed by so many. The Bistro 54 was such a great addition to Delmar, we missed the two of you so much. Matt Rest In Peace, no more hurting, worrying, feeling sick you our home now where all that is gone.. God Bless you and your family.



Diana Dean - April 22, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Ballard Cooper.



April 22, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JH

“Our deepest Sympathy in the loss of your love one. Hugs to all and know that your in my prayers. Matt was such a happy guy always smiling and full of life. R.I.P. Matt. So young

Joan Hales - April 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SS

Our deepest sympathy Ro Denise and all the family. Matt was a great guy and his smile was contagious. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace through out this most difficult time. Much love from robert and RIP Matt



susan and robert scholl - April 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hales lit a candle in memory of Matthew Ballard Cooper*



Joan Hales - April 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MH

“ *Denise and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I am so saddened to hear of Matt's passing. I spent many Friday/Saturday evenings at the Bistro with my friends and loved every minute of it. Matt was always a bright light in our presence. May you find comfort knowing he is at peace now. With all my love and sympathies, Mary Lynn Hastings*



MaryLynn Hastings - April 22, 2020 at 11:23 AM