



## Mr. Leon C. "Jake" Cooper

March 22, 1951 - August 14, 2024

FRANKFORT – Mr. Leon C. “Jake” Cooper, age 73, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Ilion on March 22, 1951, Leon was the son of the late Leon F. and Evelyn (Withers) Cooper. He was a graduate of Frankfort High School/Class of 1969. A true patriot his whole life, he responded heroically to the call to serve his country. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1969, and honorably served during the Vietnam War for a period of four years, serving two tours of duty. He was a proud pilot and earned many ribbons of valor for his service.

On May 19, 1973, he wed the former Martha De Carlo. The couple shared a long and devoted union. They made many sacrifices to build a log home, which became the center of a strong family life which pleased them so well.

A machinist by trade, Jake held a position with Chicago Pneumatic, and Bendix. He was last employed by UTC Aerospace Systems, from which he retired in 2013.

Jake was a jack of all trades, but especially enjoyed hunting and trapping, and the refreshing taste of a cold Budweiser.

Jake is survived by his devoted wife, Martha, whom he lovingly referred to as

“Tuff;” and his daughter and son-in-law, Divina M. and Bill Spellman. He held close to his heart the memory of his children who preceded him, Jacob C. “Coop” Cooper (2013), and Jessica A. Cooper (2019). He also leaves his memory to his grandchildren, Dominique Spellman; Antonio, Jacob, Aianna, and Aviella Cooper, and their mother Kourtney Cooper; sisters, Jewell Kent (the late Roger Kent), Lucy Cooper, and Ila Cooper; and brother and sister-in-law, and Peter and Sharon Cooper. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Joanne and Jack Wheeler, and Joan and Robert Ward. He is additionally survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Pia and Vincent Brancaccio, Vito and Juanita De Carlo, Evelyn De Carlo (the late Cosmo De Carlo), Michelle De Carlo (the late Domenico “Dominick” De Carlo, Sr.), and Carmela De Carlo (the late Mario De Carlo). He loved his faithful canine companion, “Cooper.” He was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Giovanni and Cosimina (Tramacera) De Carlo.

The family will honor and commemorate Jake’s life privately. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Jack & Jade Wheeler, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your Uncle was a one of a kind. He is now resting in sweet peace. My condolences to Jake's family. Fly high like the pilot you were 💔💔  
JoAnn Wallace Carbone

JoAnn Wallace Carbone - August 19, 2024 at 07:24 AM

WW

“ Sincere condolences to my dear friend Martha and Divina, family and friends, will be missed 😞



Wanda Beck Wooden - August 19, 2024 at 03:54 AM

MB

“ Martha, Divina & Family  
Thinking of you all & wishing you comfort.  
For all the sadness that you are feeling, there are others right now that are happy & rejoicing to be with him again.  
Forever remembered, rest in peace Jake.  
Maryann & Ron Bushey

Maryann Bushey - August 18, 2024 at 11:06 AM

MC

“ Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss.  
Michelle, Dominick, Christopher and Marco De Carlo

Michelle De Carlo - August 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM

PP

“ Dear Marta and family,  
Our deepest condolences in Jake's passing. We will always remember the special times we had together years ago.  
Sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely,  
Vito & Pat Piepoli

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Pat & Vito Piepoli - August 17, 2024 at 04:42 PM

LC

“ It has always been my wish for Jake to receive peace. I hope he has it now. Marta, Divina, et al I can only pray God will strengthen you in your grief and loss.  
Lucy

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Lucy Cooper - August 17, 2024 at 01:25 PM

CJ

“ Our deepest condolences to all your family. We hold dearly in our hearts the great memories of family get togethers and the laughs we shared. Our many thoughts and prayers to our cousin, Martha and to Divina. There are no proper words at this time that may be healing but know that we are thinking of you with lots of hugs and love always.

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Cousin Mimi and John - August 17, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DG

I am so sorry for your loss. After all these years you and Jake were like family to me. I will always be there for you and Davina. I love you both. I pray for your hearts to heal. You both have endured so much heartache. ❤️ 🤔

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Denise Gleba - August 17, 2024 at 06:18 PM

BL

“ Martha and Divina, we send our deepest sympathy and will keep the both of you in our prayers. Many happy memories from over the years keep popping into our thoughts. Hoping that all your happy memories guide you through the tough roads ahead. Rest In Peace, Jake. 🙏❤️ Love, Shell & Billy

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**Bill and Michelle Lopiccolo** - August 17, 2024 at 12:45 PM

AS

Martha and Divian We are so very sorry for your loss. My hearts hurt for both of you. Jake was a very kind caring man, so many great memories of all of you. .  
Rest easy Jake .🙏❤️

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**Anna Sardina** - August 17, 2024 at 03:08 PM

ML

Dear Martha and Davina, I am so very sorry to learn of the loss of Jake. Words are inadequate to express my deep sorrow of his passing. May he rest in peace and God comfort you in this most difficult time.

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**Maria Loy** - August 17, 2024 at 04:20 PM

JB

Martha and Davina my prayers are with you. I think back to all the good times at your house through the years. many good memories. RIP Jake

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**Jo-Ann Bronga** - August 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM