



## Martin D. Cooper

January 13, 1941 - September 20, 2020

Martin Cooper, 79  
Kearney resident

Martin Cooper, 79, of Kearney passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Kearney Regional Hospital. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 25, 2020 at New Life Church in Kearney with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to My Bridge Radio <https://mybridgeradio.net/giving-options/> or to New Life Kingdom Builders <https://mynewlifechurch.com/give/>. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Martin Dale Cooper was born January 13, 1941 in Lexington to Ernest and Ersel (Hedrix) Cooper. He grew up in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School in 1959. In 1964, Martin moved to Kearney and started working for West Pharmaceutical Company. He worked there for 39 years and retired in 2003.

Martin and his wife Sharon were married 58 years. They had 3 children and 9

grandchildren. He enjoyed reading, traveling, walking, studying the Bible and spending time with his family.

He was a member of New Life Church in Kearney where he volunteered his time to help with international students, served on the board, taught Sunday School, led Bible study and volunteered at church camp. He also volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sharon Cooper of Kearney; son, Phillip (Denise) Cooper of Mesa, AZ; daughters, Victoria (Ron) Cone of Kearney, and Nancy Wise of Kearney; son-in-law, Jeff Wise of Gibbon; Nine grandchildren; brother, Dan Cooper of Kearney; sisters, Ruth Meyer of Lexington, Jeanine (Gary) Jones of Johnson Lake; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Arlene Halliwell.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
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## Celebration of Life

SEP **25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life  
2715 W. 39th St.  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martin D. Cooper*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I just heard about this tonight martin and sharon was my neighbors so sorry for the loss of martin.*

**Brandy Schulz** - November 03, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ *I always have fond memories of Marty, from the days of my dad talking about what a nice man he was and working with him for sooo many years at West Company, to just being blessed to know him and Sharon through his wonderful kids who we were blessed to work with, go to school with and be friends with. He raised a beautiful family and is celebrating in Heaven right now, no doubt!*

**Cara Wieduwilt** - September 25, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sharon and family, I was sadden when I heard the news. Sharon & Martin made me feel like a valued person and always with a smile. Ill miss him greatly.*

**michelle Pearson** - September 24, 2020 at 04:06 PM

SC

“ Sharon  
*I just loved having Martin in our group... He didn't speak often but when he did it was such a good thought... I'm so sorry for your loss...it's always so nice when you know for sure they will be with the Lord...*

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**Suzu Carter** - September 24, 2020 at 02:53 PM

DS

“ Sharon and family I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to all.

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**Diana Skrdla** - September 24, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Phillip Cooper** - September 24, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PK

*These pictures brought back so many warm memories of your parents and all 3 of you children!*

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**Pat Klein** - September 25, 2020 at 07:22 AM

PK

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Tim 2:15 We can know beyond the shadow of any doubt that Martin was able to present himself to God as a “worker approved”. None of us can possibly know how many lives he touched, how many people he led to know Christ as their personal savior, how many new lives in Christ he helped to nurture and mentor – but God knows! We can know that he did not just “tell” people about Christ – he showed them through his own life! The many ways he so sincerely and consistently demonstrated/modeled God’s love and grace toward others said far more than mere words could ever say. We can know that Martin has heard these words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” Matt 25: 21, 23.

Pat Klein - September 24, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin D. Cooper.



September 23, 2020 at 02:53 PM

MC

“Sharon and Family  
I am so sorry to read of Martin's passing to his Eternal Life. He was such an amazing man that gave so much and such a joy to be around. So many wonderful memories of him and your family. Sending love and healing thoughts your way.  
Michael Collins

Michael Collins - September 23, 2020 at 02:00 PM



*Thank you Michael for your kind words*

**Phillip Cooper** - September 24, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DJ

“ *What an incredible man!!! We have been blessed by knowing him. We are so sorry for your loss. Mark & Debbie Jacobsen*

**Debbie Jacobsen** - September 23, 2020 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ *Sharon, Phil, Vicky and Nancy, I'm so sorry to read of the loss of your dear husband/father. He was such a kind man and I have missed him. Sending love to you all. Sincerely, Tom Baldwin*



**Thomas E. Baldwin** - September 23, 2020 at 08:36 AM



*Thank you very much, Tom. So good to hear from you! We appreciate your kind words*

**Phillip Cooper** - September 24, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JH

*So sorry to hear of Martin's passing, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Jenell Harmoney** - September 25, 2020 at 07:39 AM