



Mr. Daniel M Cooksey

February 26, 1942 - July 23, 2018

Daniel McArthur Cooksey, 76, of Tallahassee, passed away on Monday, July, 23, 2018, in Gainesville, Florida.

A son of the late Benjamin Joel Cooksey and Edith Collins Griffith, who survives, he was born in Tallahassee on February 26, 1942. He is also preceded in death by his stepmother, Etta Maude Boykin Cooksey; stepfather, Paul Griffith and brother, Jack Griffith.

He graduated from Holmes County High School in 1960 and later attended Tallahassee Community College and FSU. While attending TCC, he worked with his uncle, CA Cooksey at Culpepper Construction Company, at the FSU sign shop and also with his father. He served in the US Army and the Florida National Guard in Bonifay. Later he served as a Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol and retired from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Active in Woodmen of the World, he helped with building projects in various communities during his retirement. He loved participating in the Woodmen's Hunter Firearms Safety Courses in Liberty County, particularly working with the youth. Fishing, woodworking and hunting (however, he mainly shot with the camera) were hobbies he truly enjoyed. He also loved spending time with his family, hunting buddies, friends, and particularly with his grandson, Lukas, who was the light of his life, having left a special tree house in the back yard

for him.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Charlotte Joyner Cooksey; daughter, Angel Cooksey Cholevik (Todd); grandson, Lukas Alan Cholevik; siblings, Floyd Griffith (Roberta), Georgia Ann Griffith Sharpe (Richard), Daisy Margaret Griffith Hayes, Donald M. Cooksey, Deborah Cooksey Brumbley (Dennis), Linda Cooksey Coleman and Janet Cooksey Johnson (Billy); sister-in-law, Julie Griffith; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation is from 9:00 until 11:00 AM, Friday, July 27, 2018, at Abbey Funeral Home, with graveside services following at 11:00 AM, at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Burn Unit at Shands at UF, 1600 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, Florida 32610 or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

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Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nikki Baggett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey*



Nikki Baggett - July 31, 2018 at 03:34 AM



“ *Dear Charlotte,
Our prayers are with you & Angel. Dan was a fine friend at FDLE.
Julia Ann & Phillip Cooper*

Julia Ann & Phillip Cooper - July 28, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and family today. I pray God will be with you in these days ahead. He will be missed by all that knew him.*

Reeva Hackney - July 27, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey.*



July 26, 2018 at 01:33 PM

GR

“ Greg Rich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey



Greg Rich - July 26, 2018 at 05:21 AM

KR

“ Kathy Rich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey



Kathy Rich - July 26, 2018 at 05:19 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey.



July 25, 2018 at 08:49 PM

KN

“ Kathy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey



Kathy Nelson - July 25, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ Dorothy D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey.



Dorothy D. - July 25, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Dottie Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey



Dottie Daniels - July 25, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey.



July 25, 2018 at 04:54 PM

JW

“ To Danny's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Anyone from Bonifay during the time he was growing up was like family. I am confident that those who knew him also share in your grief and loss, as do I. Danny was a few years older than me, but I remember him as a delightful "fixture" in my hometown of Bonifay. He and two of his friends, who shall remain nameless, are well known for their infamous hand hanging from the trunk prank that made the local news! It was Danny's sense of humor and personality that endeared him to everyone who knew him. I hope you find comfort in the words of encouragement and memories shared by those whose life he touched. My prayers are with you for peace and strength.

*Janis Williamson
Bonifay/Tallahassee*

Janis Williamson - July 25, 2018 at 02:30 PM

CW

“ Dan, thank you for putting up with me when I started with FDLE. I remember your motto "a trained monkey could do this job." Mrs. Cooksey thank you for all the great meals when I stayed with you and Dan when we had to attend those awesome meetings in Tallahassee. Dan I know you are with Jesus and I will see you again one day!

Carl Woodall-Panama City

Carl Woodall - July 25, 2018 at 01:17 PM

CM

“ Angel so sorry for the loss of your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Hopefully you can find comfort in the memories of the wonderful relationship you had with your father.

carol mccallum

Carol Mccallum - July 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM

LT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I was a lower classmate of Danny's. We used to hang out and talk even though he was 3 years older. I enjoyed his kooky personality and friendship. May God encircle you and your loved ones and give you strength and peace for the following days. You are in my prayers. Lynda Thomas Lowery

Lynda Thomas - July 25, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CG

“ Very sorry to hear about Danny. I met him many years ago through his brother, Jack. He was a very nice fellow and spent a lot of time helping other people. He will be missed. Please accept my condolences.

Chuck Guerrero - July 25, 2018 at 09:20 AM

JC

“ My heartfelt sympathies and prayers to all of the family. Danny was always a pleasure to be with, he was always smiling and caring. He always made me laugh and was a true friend.

Jim Cornelison

jim cornelison - July 25, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey.



July 25, 2018 at 08:17 AM

KR

“ *Kathy Rich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daniel M Cooksey*



Kathy Rich - July 25, 2018 at 07:53 AM

MR

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for all your family and friends.*
Margaret Rozier

Margaret Rozier - July 25, 2018 at 07:50 AM

BW

“ *Our hearts are heavy with the news of our cousin Danny's passing. He and Charlotte lived next door to my parents on Lake Talquin for so many years and I remember how comforting it was to us and my parents to spend so much time with them. What a beautiful smile and sweet spirit he had. Please know that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and for the days to come. We wish you peace!*
Love, Becky Markus Walker, Timmy and family



Becky Markus Walker - July 25, 2018 at 05:57 AM

RB

“ I have a lot of great memories with Danny, although I never new the M. stood for McArthur until now. That's a fitting name for a great man.

Danny was a friend, a mentor, a teacher, a confidant, a colleague and like my second father.

I had the pleasure of hunting with Danny for a few years. I killed my first deer with him. We had many great nights at the hunting camp. He loved to sit in the stand and was perfectly content filming instead of shooting. He enjoyed the camaraderie of the camp the most. He loved to hear everyone's tall tales.

Danny taught me how to fly fish. When the mayflies hatched, we'd be in the boat stretching lips. He used to have this one spot that we'd always go by first. It was the darndest thing, he'd pull up... cast at this one stump and I swear he'd catch a Largemouth Bass every single time. He'd turn and look at me and crack that grin and mutter "mmhmmmm"

Danny was an instructor at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy. He taught a few of the classes I had in corrections and when I went through for Law Enforcement. I'm pretty sure I was his favorite student, of course. We were on the Gadsden County Sheriff's department auxillary together for about 4 1/2 years. I think he was the only Deputy that still had a revolver for his sidearm. He was old school.

He was always there whenever I needed to borrow a trailer, or a tool...or when I needed to borrow his ear. Although sometimes I'd have to speak up or repeat myself because he was half deaf... Sometimes I think he was just having fun with me. He liked to imitate Carl from Sling blade too. Mmmhmmmm

He was one of the best men I've had the pleasure of knowing and I will miss him dearly. Until we meet again Dan... Go Rest high on

that mountain.

Robbie

Robbie Burks - July 24, 2018 at 10:27 PM

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TH

“Charlotte, I am so saddened to hear of Dan's passing. Linda and I send our condolences to you and your family. You and your family will be in our prayers during this difficult time. Dan was one of my best friends during the many years we worked together at FDLE. It was a great pleasure to have known and worked with him. If we can do anything for you and your family, just let us know. I could share a special memory of Dan, but there was so many I wouldn't know where to begin. May God bless and keep you and your family.

Tommy Hosey & Linda Hodges

Tommy Hosey - July 24, 2018 at 08:16 PM

MB

“Uncle Danny was the sweetest man, the kindest soul, with a warm smile. We will miss him so much.

Marleni Bruner - July 24, 2018 at 07:48 PM

MI

“Mrs. Cooksey, Angel and family im so sorry for the loss of your husband/daddy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during the difficult time. Love , Brian & Michelle Duprey



Michelle - July 24, 2018 at 07:46 PM