



Charles Brian Cooley

April 9, 1964 - August 6, 2022

Charles Brian Cooley, 58, of Mooresville unexpectedly passed away at his home Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Brian was born in Winston-Salem, NC to Harry and Cozie Cooley. He graduated from Parkland Senior High School in 1982, where he enjoyed running on the cross-country team. In 1983, he received an Automotive Mechanics diploma from Forsyth Tech.

Brian was a man of integrity. He was known as one of the most hard-working men by so many people. He began work around the age of twelve mowing yards which was the start of him saving the money for the down payment on his and Rachel's first home in Kernersville, NC. After attending Forsyth Tech, he worked as an automobile mechanic at various car dealerships.

He then got the job he had been hoping to get for many years at Piedmont Airlines (now American), which allowed him the financial stability to propose to Rachel, his girlfriend of 4 years-she happily said yes. During his 35 years working for the airline, Brian worked in various departments. He was working in the Ground Support Equipment Department where he was known for his skill in repairing and troubleshooting the Goldhofer. According to some of his co-workers, Brian Cooley was one of the best men they have ever known.

Brian was a loving husband to Rachel Gatewood Cooley for 35 years. He was a fun-loving, involved, dedicated dad who took his children skiing, hiking,

camping, bowling, biking, and running. He also enjoyed playing cards, board games, and tennis with them, and was involved in the Boy Scouts when his sons were a part of it. He never failed to make each and every day exciting for his children. Brian was also a caring and helpful son to his parents and mother-in-law, oftentimes dropping what he was doing to help them with whatever they may have needed.

As an industrious, innovative master of many things, Brian could restore or repair cars, build a garage, or dig a basement. Name it he could build it or fix it. Brian had a servant's heart. If it needed to be lifted, painted, mowed, moved, built, or repaired, you could count on him to show up with a cheerful attitude. He was an active member of Peninsula Baptist Church in Mooresville. Throughout his years at Peninsula, he was involved with the Currents Sunday school class, Awanas, the preschool department, and worked with recreation at Team Kids. Additionally, he was involved in the Walk-thru-Bethlehem outdoor nativity with his family and building mountain bike trails at several local parks. He also loved dogs, hiking, and most any outdoor activity-in fact, he had gone mountain biking the day he passed.

He lived life to the fullest, enjoying every day, making the most of every opportunity, and always encouraging his family and friends to do the same.

Brian is survived by his parents Harry and Cozie Cooley of Winston-Salem, NC; his wife, Rachel of the home; sons Jonathan Cooley of Kitty Hawk, NC; and Nathan (Emily) Cooley of Conover, NC; his daughters Hannah Cooley and Sarah Cooley of the home; his sister Cherlynn Cooley of Winston-Salem, NC; his brother Geron Cooley of Winston-Salem, NC; his mother-in-law Polly Gatewood; and his brother-in-law Eric Gatewood.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 14 from 2:00-4:00 PM with a service following at 4:00 PM at Peninsula Baptist Church, 687 Brawley School

Rd, Mooresville. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park, 273 Glenwood Drive, Mooresville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those who wish to express sympathy to make memorial contributions to Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, PO Box 977, Mooresville, NC 28115 or 704-664-3363 to help with funeral expenses.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Cooley family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Peninsula Baptist Church
687 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Funeral Service

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Peninsula Baptist Church
687 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Graveside Service

AUG 14. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



Mark Robbins

“ To the Cooley family I share my condolences. Brian was a great man of God and now enjoys eternal joy and happiness with his Savior!

Mark Robbins - August 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM



CF

“ Brian was undoubtedly one of the smartest men I have know in my life. He was a great person to be around all the time. Being missed is an understatement, he will leave a gap for family and friends That cannot be filled.

Chuck Farnham - August 14, 2022 at 11:45 AM



KC

“ I worked with Brian almost the whole time he was with the AIRLINE. ALWAYS willing. To help when he could and never turned anyone down needing help. A true loos for everyone who knew him.

keith creeson - August 14, 2022 at 08:19 AM



IA

“ I first met Brian at CLT base Usairways when we worked the 737 Q check line. Brian it was a pleasure working with you always. Thank you for your kindness. Rest in peace. Ivan Alicea

Ivan Alicea - August 13, 2022 at 07:38 AM

CF

“ *CLT GSE Family purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Charles Brian Cooley.*



CLT GSE Family - August 12, 2022 at 03:18 PM

WR

“ *My condolences to the Cooley Family. May the Lord give you strength on this time of need and sorrow. Cooley was an amazing person and a great friend to many. He would stop what he was doing, just to help someone else and he always had a smile on his face. May the lord smile upon your family and fill you with the same warmth and happiness Brian brought to us here at GSE.*

Wilfredo Ruiz - August 12, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles Brian Cooley.*



August 12, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Brian Cooley.*



August 11, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Brian Cooley.*



August 11, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Brian Cooley.*



August 10, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *John and I are so sorry for your loss of an amazing husband father son and friend. Our prayers for the good lord to give you and all the strength and comfort you need and will need. We love you and Brian will always be in our heart and part of our lives*

Linda and john james. - August 10, 2022 at 06:07 PM

MR

My heart breaks for the Cooley family for their loss. Brian was such a kind, helpful, talented man. He always was happy and loved his family with all his heart. I will always appreciate, and remember, the help he gave me at my house. What a shocking loss...he was always working, exercising, and seemed so healthy; Brian is a prime example of how fragile life is. None of us know when it will be our time to return Home. We all need to keep Brian's legacy alive by helping others, keeping a positive attitude and loving life. I'm praying for the family to feel God's love and for strength, peace and comfort as they enter this new chapter of life. I know there's a BIG hole Brian left in the family, but many of us will always carry a piece of Brian in our hearts. He was one in a million! Sending lots of hugs and my love to the precious Cooley family.

MJ Rupinski - August 11, 2022 at 08:57 AM

FH

What a wonderful man and devoted Christian. My heart goes out to many family members and countless friends who grieve. God is glorified as He receives and rewards His own.

Faye Hale - August 11, 2022 at 10:54 PM

BA

May you find peace and comfort knowing God and knowing where Brian is today.

Bobbie Young-American Airlines - August 12, 2022 at 12:08 PM

WR

Sending our prayers and condolences for the family of Brian. RIP my friend and co-worker. The Rice family

William Rice - August 12, 2022 at 10:45 PM

TM

God's continued comfort and peace to you and your beautiful family as you grieve and remember all the fun, ordinary, and special times with your hubby and dad. ❤️, the Collins and Moore's

Tonya Moore - August 14, 2022 at 08:57 AM