



Rev. Floyd Cooper

January 7, 1929 - February 16, 2020

Floyd LaMont Cooper, age 91, of Stevens Point, WI, and formerly of University Park, IA passed away early Sunday morning, February 16, 2020, at Ascension St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, WI.

Floyd was born on January 7, 1929, in a sod house ten miles southwest of Ansley, NE, the oldest of three sons, born to Lamont and Neffie (Harmon) Cooper. Floyd grew up on a farm and attended rural elementary schools, graduating from Ansley High School in 1946. While attending the Methodist Church in Westerville, Nebraska, with his parents and brothers, he came to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as his Savior at eight years of age and shortly thereafter received God's call to preach. In preparation for the ministry, he attended Asbury College (Wilmore, KY) for one year and graduated with an AA degree from Central Christian College of Kansas (McPherson, KS) in 1948.

On December 26, 1951, he and Maurine Schufeldt were married at her parent's home west of Burwell, NE. They became the parents of three children: Rodney, Rhonda, and Leighton. Together they served several Free Methodist churches in Nebraska before graduating from Greenville College (Greenville, IL) in 1961.

After pastoring the Free Methodist church in Ottawa, KS, while attending the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO, they returned to the Nebraska Free Methodist conference where they pastored at Fremont, Omaha, and Amelia. During this time, he was a General Conference delegate twice, served as a Stationed Superintendent for four years, and was a member on various conference committees. He was Conference Treasurer for 31 years in Nebraska and Iowa.

They moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1981 to pastor the Free Methodist Church and during the four-year pastorate taught Bible courses at Vennard College for three of those years. From 1985-1994, Floyd was associated with Vennard College in a variety of responsibilities, including Bible teacher, Christian Service Director, Financial Aid Director, and Chapel Coordinator. From 1985-1996 they pastored the Lovilia Community Church, followed by a six-month interim pastorate in Lincoln, NE and Union Chapel, Fremont, IA from 2005-2008.

Following his "official retirement" in 1994, Floyd continued in volunteer work at the college, assisted people in the community in various ways, and supplied pulpits in the area.

After moving to Plover, WI, he continued his ministry, serving two Senior Care Centers conducting chapel services.

Floyd is survived by his children, Rodney (Deb) of Pagosa Springs, CO, Rhonda (Neil) Rippey of Plover, WI and, Leighton (Jill) of Murrysville, PA; six grandchildren: Sarah Zimmerman, Brandon Cooper, Nathan Rippey, Dustin Cooper, Shelby Cooper and Blake Cooper, ; six great-grandchildren, brother Don Cooper of Yuba City, CA as well as many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maurine on August 28, 2019; and by his brother, Keith Cooper.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 15, 2020, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, 2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, with Pastor David Brown officiating. Interment of his ashes will be in University Park Cemetery. The family will greet visitors from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to International Child Care Ministries of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

Cemetery

University Park Cemetery

University Park, IA, 52595

Events

AUG 15 **Family Greeting Time** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

AUG 15 **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rev. Floyd Cooper.



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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Floyd Cooper.



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“ Wonderful pastor at Amelia Nebraska where we first got to know them. They were special to us as they helped during a period in our lives when we tried to start farming and then lost it all during the 1980's. We kept in contact all these years visiting them in Oskaloosa several times after retiring from the US Air Force and moving to Missouri on a small farm. We will miss them both.
Not sure what is going on with the memorial service due to the Covid-19 virus. What ever we will be there is spirit. Our contact info is: Dave and Carol Nitzel, 10000 Fair Dr. Unionville, MO 63565. Home phone: 660-344-2309 Email: nitzeld@nemr.net email is a great way to contact us.

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“ Rev. Floyd Cooer and his wife were two of the best neighbors we had ever encountered when we lived beside them at University Park. Our three children grew up with them and we all loved them so very much! After moving from University Park, my parents were then blessed to have them as neighbors. Our middle daughter and her former husband were united in marriage with Rev. Floyd officiating. He then led my Father's funeral. He and Mrs. Cooper always talked about having our children grow up beside them and how much joy they brought to them. It was a shared friendship, as we loved and respected them, as well! So happy that they are both in the loving arms of Jesus! Until we meet again! Love from Nhoey and Vickie Ches and the Ches family

Vickie Ches - February 21 at 12:20 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words!

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“ Rev. Floyd Cooper or Professor Floyd Cooper. Both are correct titles for this man of God who walked among us with his gentle spirit, the love of g Christ flowing from his life, and the magnetism of divine grace drawing others to him, but supremely to the Jesus he loved and followed. I count it an honor that the Lord brought this dear man and his wife into the lives of all of us at Vennard College. Loved by colleagues and

students alike, brother Cooper taught us by lip and by life what it means to "do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God." Today, heaven is richer, multitudes on earth live more effectively for Christ, and scores of men and women who studied under Professor Cooper serve in God's kingdom with dynamic service because of his Christ-honoring life and teaching.

Dr. Robert Morris - February 20 at 03:36 PM



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