



## Cody Ross Cooling

January 22, 2017

### CODY ROSS COOLING

Age 27, of Washington D.C, formerly of Huntsville Texas. He was born on June 9, 1989 and passed away Jan 22, 2017.

Cody was a graduate of Huntsville High School class of 2007. Cody served in the United States Marine Corps from 2007-2016. After his service, he worked the last year at his dream job, doing what he loved and had aspired to do. He was employed as an Intelligence Analyst supporting the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Afghanistan Pakistan Task Force (APTF). In that role, he provided insight and analysis that supported senior officials in the office of the Secretary of Defense, The Joint Staff and the coalition forces serving in Afghanistan.

Cody is preceded in death by grandparents Jean (Younce) Ellis and John Ellis, both of Huntsville, Texas, and Charles Triola of Baytown, Texas.

Cody is survived by his loving parents (Angela) Chrissy Ellis Cooling and Michael S. Cooling of Huntsville, Texas. He is also survived by his brother Dustin Cooling of Huntsville, Texas and sister Callie Cooling of Washington D.C.

He is also survived by grandparents Kathryn "Casey" (Corbett) Triola of Baytown, Texas, and Robert R. Cooling (Mary) of Livingston, Texas.

Surviving uncles include John D. Ellis of Huntsville, Texas, Steve Ellis of Austin, Texas, Patrick Cooling of Thailand, Stephen W. White (Mary) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and BGEN (USMC) Norman L. Cooling (Beth) of Stuttgart, Germany. Surviving cousins include Caroline E. Cooling of High Point, North Carolina, John Ross Cooling of High Point, North Carolina and Stephanie M. White of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is also survived by numerous other cousins in Baytown, San Antonio and Taylor.

Cody is also survived by Corina Cooling of Suitland, Maryland and George Basley of New York, New York.

Cody loved technology and took pride in his custom built computer. He was an avid player of table top role-playing games which he played with his diverse set of friends. Cody enjoyed crafting a good costume to wear at comic conventions in addition to collecting antiques and other unique pieces. Known for his excellent sense of humor and kind heart. Cody had an infectious personality that made you want to be around him. Cody was a true and genuine friend, a son that made his parents beyond proud, a brother that always made time for his brother and sister, a grandson and nephew that made you proud to say he was yours. Cody was an outstanding Marine who served his country with pride.

Cody made friends easily and was beloved to many. Cody was a gift to the world, one whose presence was sorely needed. A treasure of a human who did and would have done great things. Our lives were so much better for having him in it, and now so much worse for him leaving it.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Semper Fi Fund online at

semperfund.org, or mailed to Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd, Suite 102 PMB 609, Oceanside, CA., 92057. This fund assists our post 9/11 combat injured service members of all branches of the military.

Memorial service will held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 4, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cody Ross Cooling*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Minnie R. Jennings lit a candle in memory of Cody Ross Cooling*



**Minnie R. Jennings** - February 06, 2017 at 06:44 PM



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**Chrissy Cooling** - February 04, 2017 at 09:09 AM



*Here is Cody with his brother and sister- you can hear his wonderful laughter!*

**Chrissy Cooling** - February 04, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cody Ross Cooling.*



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February 03, 2017 at 06:36 PM

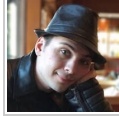


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**George Basley** - February 03, 2017 at 08:49 AM



*This is one of the few photos I have of Cody. There's a funny story behind this one we said we'd be laughing about later on.*

*Cody was showing me around the National Mall, and we'd just gotten to the Lincoln Memorial after maybe a mile of walking. We figured then was as good a time as ever for a picture.*

*Problem was, there was no front facing camera on Cody's phone that we could take this shot with. We had to flip the phone around to take the picture. Composing two people in the frame, holding the camera at arm's length, and with no way to preview the shot, we had to work by trial and error.*

*We took five, maybe six pictures, each more horrendous than the last. Every time we solved one problem, another popped up. Our laughter became more and more pronounced with every shot, and soon we were unable to contain ourselves. Just holding out the camera to take another picture made us laugh even more.*

*We finally got this one out of it, and called it quits. You can still see us both trying to control a chuckle as I lined up the last shot.*

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**George Basley** - February 03, 2017 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Cody may you rest in peace. We never did get to meet you but we have heard you were the best. Prayers for the family.*

*From, Donnie and Billie Jean DuBose, Kenneth and Pat Schneider, cousins*

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**Billie Jean DuBose** - February 02, 2017 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Roger Stewart purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Cody Ross Cooling.*



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**Roger Stewart** - February 02, 2017 at 12:29 PM

SG

“ *Michael and Chrissy, We are so sorry for your terrible loss. Our prayers are with you.*

*Shellie and John Geer and the Huntsville Cruisers.*

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**Shellie Geer** - February 02, 2017 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Cody Ross Cooling.*



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January 31, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cody Ross Cooling.*

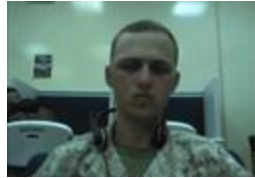


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January 29, 2017 at 08:36 PM



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**Chrissy Cooling** - January 29, 2017 at 10:40 AM

“ I wish I knew what to say. His family and all who knew him have my condolences, but nothing can in any way make up for his loss. I’ve been friends with Cody since the fifth grade. I’ve been a part of a roleplaying group with him for the last fourteen years, shared many movies and obscure anime series with him, worked with him in theatre, and even ate the worst barbeque imaginable sitting beside Cody in front of a bonfire that looked like it might collapse at any moment. That moment feels like so long ago. Cody was the one who’d always stop to talk politics with me, who’d always have an amazing story, who introduced me to Daleks, the X-files, and many, many spy thrillers. I remember spending so many lunch periods in school sitting with him, all the times he came back to Huntsville and visited on leave from the marines, and even talking shop with him at restaurants about all things comic book.

Cody was the most driven person I’ve ever met. He was genuine, honest, and loyal. He told the best stories, the most awful yet hilarious jokes, and more than once prevented me or friends of mine from accidentally setting fire to the kitchen with well-timed common sense. He was more patient than I ever was.

Because he was the man of never ending political quotes and I think he would appreciate two that came to mind earlier when I was thinking of him. These two come from one of his favorites: Ronald Reagan. “Some people wonder all their lives if they’ve made a difference. The Marines don’t have that problem.”

“There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.”

Both of these make me think of Cody. In his short life, he did so many things.

There are few places in town I can go where I don’t have memories of Cody. I feel for the people who never knew him. They missed a privilege in life. There is no story better than a Cody story. And those who knew him I’m sorry for as well, because they all know what we’ve lost. I loved him very much and he was a great friend. I miss him, and I’m ever so sorry for everything the world has just lost.

**Nathan Ridings** - January 27, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Cody Ross Cooling.*



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January 27, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ *WE WERE ALL TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND SADDEN ABOUT THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF CODY FROM THIS EARTH. WE APPRECIATE THE SERVICE HE GAVE TO OUR COUNTRY. I'M SO SORRY FOR HIS FAMILY (CALLIE) AND HIS FRIENDS. MAY HE RIP WITH THE ANGELS NOW. GINA AND KENNETH BARTEE*



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**Gina Jay** - January 27, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Just wanted to give my condolences to Cody's family and say that you are all in my prayers. Cody was a good high school friend and I wish we had kept in touch after graduation. I have so many wonderful memories of being in theatre with him. My prayers are with all who knew and loved him.*

*Claire Cooper*

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**Claire Cooper** - January 27, 2017 at 10:11 AM