



## Kal Hooper

October 11, 1946 - June 28, 2014

Kal David Hooper, 67, passed peacefully in his home on June 24, 2014, after a long battle with bone cancer. Kal was born on October 11, 1946 in Madisonville, Texas, to David Walter "Whit" & Nancy "Nannie" Elizabeth Ford Hooper. He graduated from Normangee High School in 1965. He received a Bachelors of Business Administration from Sam Houston State University in 1969. Kal met his wife Linda in 1970, and they were married August 13, 1972. Kal was employed with Windham ISD for 31 years, working at the Eastham, Walls, & Wynne Units. After his retirement from Windham, he worked various part-time jobs with Hillcrest Ford, SSI (Security), Huntsville Funeral Home, Elliot Electric, and Town & Country Cleaners. Kal was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Eula Mae Hooper Marino. Kal is survived by his wife of 41 years: Linda Sue Carpenter Hooper; his children: Keith Alan Hooper, Lori Kay Proctor (husband: Heath), Kevin Lloyd Hooper, and Kris Michael Hooper, all of Huntsville, Texas. He is also survived by his brother Alton Ford Hooper (wife: Frances) of Normangee, Texas; and by his sister Mary Jo Hooper Patterson (husband: James David) of Sugar Land, Texas. He was also survived by his in-laws who were very much family to him. They include Josephine Mary Kreitz Carpenter (mother-in-law); sister-in-law Darlene Smith (husband: Buddy) of Round Rock, Texas; sister-in-law Beverly Jones of Texarkana, Arkansas;;brother-in-law Sonny Carpenter (wife: Sandy) of Palestine, Texas; brother-in-law Jimmy Carpenter (wife: Theresa) of Cypress, Texas; brother-in-law Ricky Carpenter (wife :Sharron) of Waller, Texas; sister-

in-law Carol Barnett (husband: Mike) of Centerville, Texas ;and a large number of nieces and nephews. Kal was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Texas, as well as an avid member of the local Tea Party. He enjoyed going to many SHSU athletic events, participating In the Annual Country Music Star Contest, writing poetry and following some of his favorite country music artists around Texas... especially Trent Willmon, Cody Johnson, John Slaughter and Jesse Raub. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to M.D. Anderson's Sarcoma Cancer Research or First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Texas. The family would like to thank Thee Hospice nurses who took such great care of Kal and the family. We would also like to thank Kal & Linda's neighbors who went above and beyond to help with various things around the house during the past few months. Services will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 10:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. Visitation will be on Friday, June 27 from 6 - 8:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville. Memorial thoughts may be shared with the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kal Hooper*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I met Kal a few years ago when he delivered dry cleaning to The Jack Olsta Co. Over the last few years we shared alot of laughs and many memorable stories. I certainly feel blessed to have meet him, his smile will forever be remembered. Many prayers have gone up for him & I know that he is resting with the angels now. Continued prayers for Ms. Linda and children. Thinking of you all & asking God's comfort.*

**Paige Miller** - July 02, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *Mr. Kal always had a smile and a joke when making deliveries to the University Advancement office. He has been & will continue to be missed. God bless his family and peace be with each of you.*

**Joyce Smith** - July 01, 2014 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kal was such a nice person and a pleasure to be around. I will miss talking with him before and after church. Our local community with miss him also. The prayers of our family are with your family at this time of loss. May God be with you!*

**Will Durham** - June 30, 2014 at 10:26 AM

RB

“ *What an honor it was to have known Kal. He was a blessing to us all. Linda, my prayers continue to be with you and your sweet children. God bless you all.*

*Keith and Renee' Belcher*

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**Renee Belcher** - June 29, 2014 at 12:23 PM

JW

“ *You are in our thoughts an prayers. God bless you.*

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**John & Dena Whittington** - June 28, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JG

“ *Dear Mrs Hooper,  
May God Bless you and your family at this time and with our deepest condolenses. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Treasure all of your 41+ years of being together and let your fond memeories grow stronger each and every day. Cal will be the brightest star up above watching over you and your family. God takes the best home and may Cal rest in peace and give you peace and comfort.*

*Jery, Liz, Jenny Gay (Fay's family)*

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**Jerry,Liz,Jenny Gay** - June 27, 2014 at 06:48 PM

GL

“ *Linda and family, We are so sorry to hear of Kal's illness and his passing. I hope he meets up with my dad in Heaven so those two can keep each other laughing. I know FPC and the Huntsville Community will hold you all up during this time of loss. Prayers for you all.*

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**Glen and Debbie Love** - June 27, 2014 at 04:52 PM

DE

“ *Kal was one of the sweetest, happiest men I have ever known. Always a kind word, a big smile and a hug. I can only imagine your great loss, but we are all praying for you and wrapping our hugs around you. He will be smiling down from heaven now, and completely in comfort and peace. Love to all of you.*

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**Dee Everett** - June 27, 2014 at 09:31 AM

TS

“ *Words are never quite adequate to express my sympathy for your loss. Kal was such a pleasure to call "family". I pray for God's peace for your family and know you address all very loved.*

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**Tonya Sims** - June 27, 2014 at 08:09 AM

PM

“ *To the Hooper family ... my deepest condolences with Kal's passing. While I only got to see him a few times, he made it seem like I was a long lost friend that he had known for years when we did see each other (perhaps I felt like I did as Keith has shared countless stories about his dad over the years). R.I.P. Kal, and God bless your wife, children and every heart you touched ...*

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**Patrick Murphy** - June 26, 2014 at 08:40 PM

EL

“ *Lori and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Elaine and Gregg Lewis** - June 26, 2014 at 05:00 PM

KS

“ Linda,

*Rachel and I are thinking of you and your family and holding you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love you,*

*Kenny*

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**Kenneth Scholz** - June 26, 2014 at 04:57 PM

SH

“ Dear Lori and family,

*It was a dad day that this world lost such a great man. While I didn't have the opportunity to know Kal for longer than I did he was a special man. I enjoyed our political conversations sharing the same ideas with him. I was fortunate to have been able to be taught so much by him in the political arena. May he rest in peace and I know that he will look down on all of us and give us strength to carry on. Love to you all.*

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**Susan Hayes** - June 26, 2014 at 04:32 PM

TA

“ Lori and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed seeing you Dad come by with the Coaches cleaning each week during football season and here him say as he was leaving EAT "EM UP KATS...He loved his SH football and his family that he talked about all the time.

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**Terry Artherholt** - June 26, 2014 at 04:02 PM

SC

“ I cannot express the feelings I have right now. I remember growing up with Lori and Keith and seeing Mr. Hooper and Mrs. Hooper's smiling faces at each and every band and choir event. At service on Sundays. He was and always will be a man I looked up to and held in high regard and respected deeply. I can only pray that you are all raised up during this time. I love you all.

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**Shannon Curry** - June 26, 2014 at 03:32 PM

SH

“ Lori and family, So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are still with you to get through these tough times. Lean on your family and friends. Love to you all! Sherry, Billy and Chelsey Hirsch

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**Sherry Hirsch** - June 26, 2014 at 01:56 PM

GJ

“ Dear Family:

*Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences goes out to each of you. Kal has given the Jones family a lot of great memories and laughs. Kal and my father were quite a pair! He was a very kind, sweet, and loving man. He was always quietly serving other people. I honestly don't ever recall seeing the man angry or upset, and could make anyone feel comfortable around him. We love the way he loved and cared for Linda, his children and Grandma Carpenter. We will miss him greatly.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gary Jones  
(on behalf of Beverly Carpenter Jones' family)*

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**Gary Jones** - June 26, 2014 at 12:58 PM

SK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Stuart & Sheila King** - June 26, 2014 at 09:51 AM

AS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Ann Smith** - June 26, 2014 at 09:32 AM

JW

“ *Dear Lori & Hooper Family,*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to y'all! My God wrap his loving arms around you and bring peace to your hearts. His absence from your lives is only temporary. Hold him in your hearts until you are reunited in His Kingdom.*

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**James & Michelle (Brandon) Ward** - June 26, 2014 at 09:05 AM

DW

“ *Linda, my thoughts are certainly with you. Take care and know that you have SO many friends supporting you - even from far away.*

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**Debbie Womack** - June 26, 2014 at 08:14 AM

BO

“ *My heart sank when I heard of Kal's passing. I am so thankful to have had the privilege to know Kal over the years. He was a great guy who always made me laugh. I know he is finally out of pain and is praising God up in Heaven. My thoughts, prayers and love goes out to Linda, Lori and Kal's entire family. The TW family will remember you always.*

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**BobbiKay Odom** - June 26, 2014 at 12:04 AM

EC

“ I was heart broken to hear of Kal's passing. I know he will live on in our hearts and we will see him again when it is our time to go home. Praying for God to wrap the family in his loving arms and help you through this time of grief.

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**Erna Carlile** - June 25, 2014 at 10:43 PM

NL

“ What a wonderful and kind man Kal was. I knew that if TW was playing in Texas we were gonna see Kal and Linda and they were always welcoming with a huge hug and a big howdy. Linda, stay strong for Kal. He was a gentle soul and will be watching over you everyday. I'm sure he's up there jammin' to his favorite tunes. I'm glad I was able to meet him in this lifetime. Until the next. We'll miss you buddy.

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**Nikki "Midget" Lawing** - June 25, 2014 at 08:50 PM

JK

“ I met Kal quite a few years back through Trent Willmons message board. Over the years we shared lots of stories and plenty of laughs! I appreciated his wisdom and political views. My email box will be empty without his entertaining comments. May God give the family the strength to endure. May you look back with many happy memories of LoTech!!

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**Jill Keeley** - June 25, 2014 at 08:48 PM

GG

“ Kal was a good friend and teacher in the Windham days. God's blessings on the family.

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**Greg and Dani Gathright** - June 25, 2014 at 07:29 PM

JB

“ to Linda and family, We are so very sorry for the loss of Kal. He was such a wonderful man, husband, father & friend to all that knew him. I cherish the memories we have of you living on Badger Lane and our kids all growing up together! I was cleaning out a box of photos last week and found a ballpark photo of my parents and in the background was you & Kal! I feel we have gotten to be so much closer than the friends we have been years ago and we truly can relate to what we are both going through. I will miss our friend but know that he is now pain free and walking those streets of gold now...he struggled for so long not wanting to leave those he loved dearly but he is now truly at rest! You know that your family is in our thoughts & prayers and to please let us know if we can do anything at all!! We love your family dearly!!  
Jamie & Don Brinegar

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**Jamie & Don Brinegar** - June 25, 2014 at 05:09 PM

LM

“ Linda,  
My heart goes out to you and your entire family at this sad time. I wish for you that Gods arms be wrapped around you, and that you and the family find peace.  
Kal fought the good fight, and will forever be missed. I am so happy I got to speak to him while he was in the hospital.  
I know many miles separate us, but if there is anything I can do don't hesitate to call on me.  
I sure bet Kal is sitting on a porch with George Jones and Tammy Wynette right about now enjoying the best danged concert ever!  
All my prayers and admiration.  
Lynn Milam

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**Lynn Milam** - June 25, 2014 at 04:37 PM

MP

“ Linda, Keith, Lori, Kevin, and Kris--Our hearts are heavy for you in this time of loss and sorrow. We have been praying for all of you since this all began. Kal will be missed greatly by so many of his friends and family, but what comfort to know that this absence is only temporary! May God continue to enfold you with His love, comfort, strength, and peace to endure the coming days without Kal. God has blessed you with a close-knit family who will help you immensely and on whom you can rely. God bless you all!

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**Mike and Cynthia Proctor** - June 25, 2014 at 04:07 PM

JB

“ Such a wonderful man!! Linda and family, I am so very sorry for your loss and I am sending all my love down to you all. He will always be with you and you know he his listening to his country music up there in Heaven!

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**Jennifer Bowen** - June 25, 2014 at 11:55 AM

AJ

“ It's difficult to believe that I first met Kal about 21 years ago, when he welcomed me as a new teacher at the Wynne Unit Education Department. What a joy it has been getting to know both Kal and rest of the family at various events since retirement.

*Kal, we will miss your tender heart and your presence at country music concerts!*

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**Alan & Billie Willmon Jenkin** - June 25, 2014 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about Kal. He always had a smile on his face and we sure will miss him. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Becky (Martin) and Don Spelce** - June 24, 2014 at 11:34 PM

DT

“ Linda, Keith, Lori, Kevin and Kris. Rachel, Ruth and I are so sorry to hear about Kal's passing. He was such a wonderful person and will be missed by all of his friends and family. Now, he will be helping the other angels in Heaven. Take care and remember you are in our prayers for comfort and peace. Love to all of you.

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**Dorothea Tarver** - June 24, 2014 at 11:30 PM

MH

“ Just heard about Kal. We have been praying praying for all of you. May the Lord give you all comfort and peace on your loss.

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**M. Hyvl** - June 24, 2014 at 06:44 PM

TA

“ So sorry to hear about Kal today. Ty sent me a message that he got from Keith. Isn't todays inventions interesting. Kal had been in our prayers for a good while and now he is videoing all the angels activities. Thinking of all of you.

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**Troy and Ginger Allen** - June 24, 2014 at 05:00 PM