



## Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley

June 8, 1934 - January 22, 2024

Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley, age 89, of Shelbyville, passed away January 22, 2024, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

Henry Barnail Cooley was born on June 8, 1934, in Shelbyville, Tennessee. He left this world and transitioned peacefully into eternal life on January 22, 2024.

Henry was a maintenance clerk for 30 years at Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC). Also, he worked part time jobs for several years for Tillett Brothers Construction, Dr. James Clark Dentistry, and Joe Hunt Insurance. Henry loved spending time with his family and friends; and enjoyed playing basketball and refereeing. He has fond memories of childhood friends Lloyd and Floyd Mitchell.

He attended Bedford County Training School, Tennessee State University (TSU), and Scholarship-ed at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he met his wife, Elaine Cooley. Later, he was drafted into the United States Army. Stationed at Fort Hood Texas. Henry and Elaine were best friends for life. Henry was a faithful member of St. William Catholic Church since the early 60's.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elaine in 2022, his mother, Esther Smith; father William Charles Cooley, Sr.; brother, Andrew "Andy" Smith; sister, Janie Mai Waters; brother-in-law, Luther Waters; brother, William C.

Cooley, Jr.; sister, Jean Ann Cooley, brother-in-law, Charles Crutchfield; sisters-in-law, Etta Ruth Cooley, Delores Cooley, and Ann Waters. He is survived by a son, Ivan Cooley; daughters, Esther (Iginio) Fitzpatrick and Iris (Darcy) Cooley-Crowell; brothers, Lee (Marguerite "Dee Dee") Cooley, George (Betty) Cooley, and Charles (Delores, whom is deceased) Cooley; brother-in-law, Jonathan (Zenobia) Venable; sisters-in-law, Laverne (Gary, whom is deceased) Craig and Cynthia Ogbeide. Grandchildren, John Fitzpatrick, Joseph "Joey" (Soco) Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Anne Fitzpatrick, and Tyreek "Ty" Crowell; great grandchildren, Cordelia Rose Fitzpatrick, Logan Fitzpatrick, and Landon Fitzpatrick.

Funeral services will be 12 noon Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 684-8356  
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com  
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

## Service

JAN **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cassandra Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Cassandra Bellamy** - January 30, 2024 at 12:00 PM

GG

“ *Rest in Sweet Heavenly Peace My Dear Nephew*

*Glennie Griffin*

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**Glennie Griffin** - January 30, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JV

“ *Cooley and Elaine have been my heroes and always will be. They taught me to be responsible, to love and to treat people with kindness and respect. I have the deepest love and respect for them. I'm apart of the special love they had within their family. I'm their brother/brother-in-law. It's a blessing to be apart of this family. We give our love to Ivan, Esther and Iris.*

*Jonathan, Zenobia and Family. 💔*

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**Jonathan Venable** - January 30, 2024 at 10:21 AM

GJ

*God will sustain the family in time of sorrow and forever. The Holy Spirit lives in us and is our comforter.*

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**Gerald Johnson** - January 31, 2024 at 12:19 PM

PC

“ Pam Casemere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Pam Casemere - January 29, 2024 at 06:07 PM

BJ

“ Beverly J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley.

Beverly J. - January 29, 2024 at 05:47 PM

LC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I will always remember the gatherings we shared.



Laverne Craig - January 29, 2024 at 05:39 PM

RO

“ Rodrick Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Rodrick Odom - January 29, 2024 at 04:56 PM

KF

“ Ken and the Odom family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley.

Ken and the Odom family. - January 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

KF

“ Ken and the Odom family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley.



Ken and the Odom family. - January 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Kimberly Harvey - January 29, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ Stella Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Stella Akins - January 27, 2024 at 03:44 PM

TS

“ Terence Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Terence Smith - January 26, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley.



January 26, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ Mr.Cooley was my dad's friend. They would always laugh and talk about sports when they saw each other. He loved Vanderbilt football and sports in general. I always remember him and his wife Mrs.Elaine for being kind. May he rest in peace. I am praying for his children and grandchildren during this time. God Bless Hope Fishback

Hope Fishback - January 26, 2024 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ I called him Uncle Henry an it was always a joy talking to him when I went to visit because we talk football an when u r a Tenn volunteer fan an he was a Vandy fan we always had some great talks lol. But some of the best talks we had was when he tell me about the football games he had playing with the roaring tigers and playing against his brothers in Tullahoma those r the memories I will remember when I think of my uncle Henry love u will miss u



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**David Cooley** - January 25, 2024 at 09:55 PM

DH

“ Mr Cooley was no doubt one of the nicest people I've ever known. He always greeted you with a pleasant word and true concern for others. I always enjoyed our conversations. Blessings to the family.



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**Doyle Hayes** - January 25, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BA

“ Betty Buckingham And lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



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**Betty Buckingham and** - January 25, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *Jeremy Wells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Jeremy Wells** - January 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

RR

“ *What a vibrant person. He was always happy to see you and talk sports, especially Vanderbilt football with me. There wasn't a time I can't remember not knowing Mr. Cooley. Everyone should be more like him.*

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**Ricky Richardson** - January 25, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BC

“ *Henry attended St. Williams Catholic Church. he served as a Minister of Hospitality- usher. He was the best, he took his ministry with deep devotion and pride. I moved to Shelbyville in 1993 and he served until covid hit in 2020. I am going to miss talking about all sports with Henry. Special blessing to Iris who has been with her parents every step of the way these last years.*

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**Billy Caskey** - January 25, 2024 at 10:15 AM

CM

“ *Carolyn Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Carolyn Murray** - January 25, 2024 at 12:19 AM

JJ

“ Mercedes and I are so sorry to hear this. Keeping Ivan, Esther, and Iris (Sissy) in our prayers, along with the rest of the family.



Juanita Jones - January 24, 2024 at 08:56 PM

AS

“ Refereed Shelbyville Industrial League with Henry for many years. Always fair and easy going. Pleasure to work with him. Prayers...

Al Simmons - January 24, 2024 at 05:51 PM

ET

“ Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Elsie Trice - January 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

BD

“ Remembering my husband, Jesse and all the football stories shared may God bless your family and love ones



Barbara Draine - January 24, 2024 at 10:39 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Brenda Wilson** - January 24, 2024 at 09:23 AM

TH

“ *Tyree Hiles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Tyree Hiles** - January 24, 2024 at 08:40 AM

SF

“ *Shirley Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley*



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**Shirley Fowler** - January 24, 2024 at 02:34 AM

TD

“ *The best and funniest car pool buddy. Rode to AEDC around 20 years with Henry. I will miss him.*

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**TRACY DONEGAN** - January 23, 2024 at 07:59 PM

LT

“ Four things I'll always think about when remembering Jaby. BCTS, TSU, Vandy, & Notre Dame. My deepest sympathies to the family of one man.



Lawson Tillman - January 23, 2024 at 07:30 PM

DR

“ Praying for the family



Drew&AdrianHarvey - January 23, 2024 at 07:12 PM

RR

“ Rita Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry "Jaby" Cooley



Rita Rippy - January 23, 2024 at 06:39 PM

AB

“ I remember starting to play basketball when he ran the Southside Gym for open play. He was always so nice and loved his basketball. He was a good man and will be missed.

Al Bellenfant - January 23, 2024 at 01:34 PM