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## Sandie R. "Bob" Cooper

Sandie R. "Bob" Cooper, 92, of Sumner, died Thursday, October 26, 2017, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017, at Faith Evangelical Church in Sumner with Rev. David Barner officiating. Burial will follow at Horton Cemetery rural Waverly with Military rites provided by Thomas E. Woods Post #223, American Legion of Sumner. Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, at Becker-Milnes Funeral Home in Sumner and for one hour preceding the service at the church on Thursday. Memorials may be made in Bob's name to Faith Evangelical Church in Sumner.

Sandie Robert son of Hugh and Sadie Jackson Cooper was born July 22, 1925, at the family's home rural Horton. He received his early education in the rural Horton Country Schools. Bob was drafted for World War II in 1943, and served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater. He served on the U.S.S. Callaghan which was involved in eight major battles, two of which were Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On July 29, 1945, Bob's life was nearly taken by a Kamikaze Plane which sunk the U.S.S. Callaghan. He returned home after being honorably discharged on January 14, 1946. On March 2, 1947, Bob was united in marriage with Pearl Heinmiller at St. John Lutheran Parsonage in Waverly. The couple made their home in Plainfield, Readlyn, and Denver prior to moving to Sumner in 1974. On March 10, 1963, Bob along with some of his children was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church Maxfield Township. Bob was in construction and farming for his professional life and retired as a bridge engineer. He was a long time member of Faith Evangelical Church, where he was very active, serving on church council and instrumental in the building committee, and Thomas E. Woods Post #223, American Legion of Sumner. Bob was also a proud member of the U.S.S. Callaghan Survivors Association. He along with other survivors just attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Des Moines in 2015. Bob enjoyed raising pigeons and canaries.

Bob is survived by his eight children, Mike Cooper of Ventura, Marilyn (Harley) Niedert of Sumner, Marlys (Jim) Gaede of Sumner, Marjorie Cooper of Sumner, Marlon (Mary Ann) Cooper of Cedar Rapids, Marvin (Theresa) Cooper of Evansdale, Mark (Sandy) Cooper of Cedar Falls, and Matt Cooper of Dickens; seventeen grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl who died on November 16, 2001; son, Charles Robert Cooper who died in infancy; one grandson, Joshua Cooper; and one brother, James Cooper.

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Charlotte Corbin Remiszewski on November 10, 2017 at 7:05 AM said:

Marilyn, I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your Dad. I remember him well from the times I was fortunate enough to visit your family. Much love to you, Harley, and the Cooper family. Char & Tom

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**Dj Bachman** on **October 30, 2017** at 8:11 AM said:

Sadden by his passing. Roddy and I loved him and will miss him - his loving advice, sense of humor, all that he was.

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**James Bond, Jr.** on **October 28, 2017** at 2:24 PM said:

May God bless you and your family and give you peace. Bob was a wonderful Christian man. It was an honor to have known him.

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**Darlys Meswarb** on **October 28, 2017** at 2:02 PM said:

Sending my sincere sympathy to the Gaedes at St. John Lutheran Church. May God's peace be with you.

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**Deb Kellogg** on **October 28, 2017** at 7:34 AM said:

My sympathies to you all. Uncle Bob was one of my favorites. I could always count on a little teasing from him. I wish I would have been able to attend more of the Heinmiller reunions to see more of him. A great guy!

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**Joe Pritchett** on **October 27, 2017** at 7:37 PM said:

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was as sweet a person as I've ever known; a great encourager. Spent many hours in my office just chatting and always felt uplifted from the time together.

Carol and I had hoped to come to Sumner to see Bob but time didn't allow. We're sorry we missed that opportunity. Our love to Bob's family in this time of grief.

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**Randi, Steve, Seth and Chelsea Stough** on **October 27, 2017** at 12:16 PM said:

Grandpa Cooper was a wise and dearly loved man by those who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Matt, the boys ( their families ), and the rest of the Cooper family. May God strengthen you at this time and always.

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**Mike and Nancy Petersen** on **October 27, 2017** at 8:57 AM said:

Thoughts and prayers are with the Cooper family. May God's peace be with you all.

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**Jim and Jodi Frisch** on **October 27, 2017** at 6:42 AM said:

Our deepest sympathies to Harley, Marilyn, and the Cooper family.

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**Roger Prickett** on **October 26, 2017** at 7:49 PM said:

So sorry, knew Bob for a lot of years in construction, as well as Pearl.  
Biggest sympathies from the Prickett family.  
Special gratings to grandson Ben.  
Thanks for all your years of service Bob!

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