



## Larry G. Cooley

November 5, 1946 - January 11, 2016

Larry G. Cooley, 69, of 331 Chemung St. Sayre, PA passed away Monday, January 11, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Utica, NY following a motor vehicle accident. Larry was born in Sayre on November 5, 1946 the son of Reed M. Cooley and Eleanor L. Swain Cooley. He was a graduate of Sayre High School class of 1965 and was a proud member of the undefeated Sayre Redskins Football team. Following high school, Larry served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War. In early years, he was employed by National Cash Register in Ithaca, NY, A.C. Smith Auto Parts in Sayre and Schweizer Aircraft Corporation in Horseheads, NY. He was later employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, North American Car Company and GE Railcar for 26 years in Sayre until his retirement. Larry was subsequently employed by State Line Auto in Waverly, NY for the past 12 years until the time of his passing. Larry was a member of the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1148, Sayre, Fort Sullivan Post No. 246 American Legion, Athens, Skiff-Bower VFW Post No. 1536, Sayre, Roma Madre Lodge No. 1342 Order Sons of Italy, Sayre, and Ball-Skerpon Post No. 773 Catholic War Veterans, Sayre. Larry loved holiday gatherings and dinners with his family and watching his children participate in sports events. He was an avid NASCAR fan and in early years raced at Chemung Speedrome with Geoff Bodine and at Shangri-La Speedway in Owego, NY. Larry was also a devoted Penn State Football and Buffalo Bills Football fan.

His family includes his wife, Mary Jo Novak Cooley, mother, Eleanor L. Cooley

of Sayre, children, Heather G. Gorman and husband Robert of Wallkill, NY, Nicklas W. Cooley of Saratoga Springs, NY, Alyssa D. Briggs and husband Neil of Chemung, NY, Michael R. Cooley (Julie Bullock) of Waverly, NY, Patrick D. Cooley and Emmalee L. Cooley both at home, grandchildren, Ryan and Katharyn Gorman and Madyson and Nicholas Briggs, his sister, Vicki Coviello (Larry Carasea) of Vestal, NY, several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Reed M. Cooley on August 8, 1988.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 18, 2016 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA. Sayre Elks Lodge will hold a service of remembrance Monday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, South Elmer Ave. Sayre. The Valley Color Guard will accord full military honors at the church. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home  
314 Desmond Street  
Sayre, PA 18840  
(570) 888-2113  
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

## Service

JAN 19. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany  
304 South Elmer Ave  
Sayre, PA 18840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry G. Cooley*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Larry G. Cooley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Larry G. Cooley*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Larry G. Cooley*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Larry G. Cooley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *It is with great sadness that Mark and I learned of your loss of Larry. In recent years we spent time together at Shang II or Chemung Speedrome "catching up", remembering, or just watching "the show". An occasional phone call in the "off season".....all the while giggling and laughing at ourselves. We are very sorry for your loss and shall miss him a lot. May God Bless.*

**Mark and LII Taylor** - April 09, 2016 at 04:37 AM

DJ

“ *Very sad to hear the passing of Larry. I will always remember the fun I had playing with my cousin Larry as kids growing up. My heartfelt sympathy to his family. David Cooley Jr.*

David Cooley Jr - January 20, 2016 at 08:51 AM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a good man and a friend to many. With Deepest Sympathy, Dan & Lou Ann Luchaco*

Dan & Lou Ann Luchaco - January 19, 2016 at 06:05 PM

PF

“ *Paul & Nannette Novak & family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Larry G. Cooley.*



Paul & Nannette Novak & family - January 19, 2016 at 10:19 AM

LD

“ It is now a special gift to have spent time talking, laughing and reminiscing with Larry during our recent 50th Sayre High School class reunion in August 2015. A small group of the original high school adventure seekers spent time renewing our friendships and remembering how special it was to grow up in the "Valley" and having the friendships we felt and continued to value as adults. He was a happy man. My sympathies to all those who cared about him, who were part of his family and those who were part of his life journey. We will all miss you.

Fondly,  
Linda Comerinsky Dobson (Cosi)  
Scottsville, Ny.

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**Linda Dobson** - January 19, 2016 at 06:21 AM

CC

“ I knew Larry from a young age. He was a good friend of my older brother. I called him Sputnik because when the Russian space ship was launched we were playing in the back field of West Sayre and I remember Larry saying to me (probably 9 years old). Chuck there goes Sputnik across the sky which was probably a plane. I believed him and hence the Sputnik moniker. Rest in peace. Chuck Campbell

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**Chuck Campbell** - January 18, 2016 at 05:11 PM

 Lisa Tompkins

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! Phyllis Alliger, Mike Alliger and Lisa Alliger Tompkins

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**Lisa Tompkins** - January 18, 2016 at 10:45 AM

PL

“ Dear Eleanor and Family, My thoughts an prayers are with you all. Many years ago we were neighbors on Center St.. So sorry for the sadness in you lives. God Bless and give you strength to cope. Pat Lane, (Mrs Harold)

Pat Lane - January 18, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Larry G. Cooley.



January 18, 2016 at 08:46 AM

DH

“ To: The Cooley's sorry to here of Larry's (Loads) passyng we had a lot of good times growing up and he will be missed may he RIP .Dale Hollenback



Dale Hollenback - January 17, 2016 at 12:03 PM

VS

“ May the love of family and friends comfort you during this difficult time. Please accept our sincere sympathies, VFW Post 1536, Sayre

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - January 17, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JC

“ We had many good times together in high school. Too many to list here, but they are in our memories forever.

*Our sincere sympathy ,*

*Chevy & Jean*

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**Jim Ciavardini** - January 16, 2016 at 08:26 AM

SM

“ Sue Moore lit a candle in memory of Larry G. Cooley



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**Sue Moore** - January 16, 2016 at 06:01 AM

SM

*Maryjo & family ,so sorry for your loss. Larry is up with Denny now they can do what they do best. May God comfort you & family and keep you all in his hands. You are all in my prayers.*

*Need to talk Maryjo, call me.*

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**Sue Moore** - January 16, 2016 at 06:11 AM

BT

*To Larry, A very good friend from High School days. As hard as it is to say good bye, I would give anything, to be able to say Hello, Just one more time! RIP*

*LOVE  
Bill Tyson*

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**Bill Tyson** - January 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM

PB

*LARRY(MAX), HAD A LOT OF GOOD TIMES AT MOUNTAIN LAKE. YOU WILL BE MISSED.*

**PHIL BARRY** - January 18, 2016 at 12:09 PM

CC

“ *Chris, Lori & family and Chris Z Sutton's Garage Crew purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Larry G. Cooley.*



**Chris, Lori & family and Chris Z Sutton's Garage Crew** -  
January 16, 2016 at 12:42 AM

LV

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for Larry's family..I graduated from high school with him.. Sorry for your loss*

**Lynda Vanderpoel-Myers** - January 15, 2016 at 11:34 PM

AP

“ *So sorry to hear Larry was a good high school friend that I have thought of many times through the years RIP Larry*

*Arthur Anthony (Tony) Pietro*

**Arthur Pietro** - January 15, 2016 at 06:02 PM

NO

“ *Sorry to hear about Larry. Nick Onofre.*

**Nick Onofre** - January 15, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our Friend departed. My most heartfelt condolences. Don And Deb Thompson

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**Deborah Thompson** - January 15, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ Larry you are now with your friends who have passed. Dick Early, Bill Garrity and George Greeno. Those of us left, myself, Everett Greeno, Kent Jordan, and Jerry Keener will always cherish the memories of being at Shangri-La every Saturday night. Rest In Peace Larry.  
To the Cooley: May God grant you peace during this most difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Chuck Comstock** - January 15, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ Larrys famiy,so very sorry,,Larry was a good friend ,esp with my brother Butch,, Dawn Alliger and Bob Northrup

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**Dawn Alliger** - January 15, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Dawn McCutcheon** - January 15, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Larrys passing brings back memories of our trips to Mountain Lake and Towanda with Tom Palluzzi, Kenny Titus and me. R.I.P. So Sorry Dan McCann

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**Daniel McCann** - January 15, 2016 at 08:29 AM

RC

“ Dear Cooley Family;

*We are so sorry to hear about Larry.*

*We well remember watching Larry race and cheering him on, and of course the never ending work on the race car next door.*

*We hope it helps to know that others share your loss and are lifting you in thought and prayers at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tim & Robyn Chilson*

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**Robyn Chilson** - January 15, 2016 at 08:20 AM