



John A. Cupo

February 15, 2019

John A. "Coop" Cupo, 66, died Feb. 15, 2019, at his home in Lancaster, Pa. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Anthony and Marion Richardson Cupo.

John was a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked in the steel industry at Bethlehem Steel, S.S. Fisher, and most recently at Ira G. Steffy & Son, Inc., where he was a structural steel detailer for more than 12 years.

He was a member of the Riverside Club and the Knights of Columbus. John loved spending time with his grandchildren, and enjoyed shooting pool, fishing, and watching the Phillies and the Eagles. He also loved Harley-Davidsons.

He is survived by his three daughters and their husbands: Lisa A. Harsh (Doug) of Lancaster, Deanna J. Holbein (Derek) of Lancaster, and Kristin L. Stuckey (Paul) of East Petersburg, Pa.; nine grandchildren: Kelly, Brandon, Jordon, Briana, Marcus, KayLee, Zakary, Madison, and Owen; and one great-granddaughter, Kora Joy Mason. Also surviving is his sister, Caroline Cupo of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by a sister, Monique Cupo and grandson Douglas Harsh Jr.

Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend John's Memorial Gathering at The Groffs Funeral Services at 528 W. Orange St. (corner of Orange and Pine Streets), Lancaster on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The family will greet guests from 6:00 p.m. until the time for words of remembrance. Interment will be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name may be made to Franklin County Veteran Affairs, 425 Franklin Farm Lane Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Cupo*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Family: I was really sorry to stumble on this last week. I did pass the new on to his old friends.*

John was a friend and room mate way back in the mid to late 70's. He had navy stories and I knew of his love for pool. He had the straw in the mouth habit way back then. I have a lot of pictures of adventures way back then.

I was around when he got married but that was when we drifted apart. I knew he moved to Lancaster county when we had a brief phone conversation.

I see he liked Harley's and have to laugh... He bought a yamaha enduro 175 from me when I moved up to a honda 360.

I only posted a few photos, but have way more if interested.

RIP

Ed Finn

Ed Finn - February 12, 2020 at 01:30 PM



I am sorry we never saw this. I would love to see the pictures you have.

Kristin - February 16, 2025 at 09:12 AM

DA

“*Regrettfully, Wanda and I will not be able to attend tonight due to the inclement weather. Deanna, Derrick, Family and friends. Our sincere condolences. Here is what memories I was planning on sharing.*

Coop has been a good friend of mine for all but 30 years now. I got to know Coop back in the early 1990's when we were team mates on the Martic forge hotel pool team. He was a Mentor of mine on the pool table. We made it to the state finals one year hoping to go to Las Vegas for the country finals but didn't make the cut. As for my final play that year I came up a little short. I bring that up because that's what Coop would have said. He always had a good sense of humor if you didn't take it personal. I can recall coop quitting drinking and smoking during these years. That means he switched to Backwoods cigars and O'Doul's. The time between the cigarettes and cigars was spent with a drink straw in his mouth as he tried to concentrate on his pool game. Well guess what, It didn't work.

I sponsored Coop as a Member of the L&M club during this time. The L&M club is a social club (a brotherhood) that meets once a month for camaraderie, event planning and assisting those less fortunate in society. Work situations prevented me from remaining a club member but Coop was a true brother till the end. I still have pictures of some of the fishing trips down to bowers beach where we all had a great time. I cannot tell all of the stories because of confidentiality agreements but trust me, we had some of the best times of our lives.

Coop and I didn't see each other all the time anymore like we used to but the thought that my friend was there if needed was a comfort. And he knew I was there for him if needed. That is the unwritten legacy of the L&M club.

Friends come and go throughout our lives. Some remain friends forever. Some you remember in a distant memory. When Rich Shirley gave me the news, I went into a serious state of sadness. It

is always tough to see a family member and friend pass on. As we get older it happens far too frequently. All I can say is thank you John Cupo for being a long time close friend and confidant. We are all loving and missing you.

Dan and Wanda Snyder.

DANIEL - February 20, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DE

Oh my word! I remember that combo of quitting very well. Thank you for sharing. Stupid weather

Deanna - February 20, 2019 at 05:21 PM

SD

“ I knew Coop for about 20 years and he was a gentle, humble and honest man. I always looked forward to seeing him when we all frequented the Martic Forge back in the day. He met me with a hug and a smile and then he would give me heck for something or other :) Coop used to share his Back Woods cigars with me and we would sit back and laugh. He will be dearly missed by many. Give 'em heck up there Coop we love you and we will miss you.....

Shawnet Diehl - February 19, 2019 at 08:40 AM

LH

That sounds like him :)

lisa harsh - February 20, 2019 at 06:05 AM

DE

Thank you for sharing! Pool was one of his passions

Deanna - February 20, 2019 at 07:48 AM

GE

“ I’ve worked with Coop for a long, long time. Many years ago we were co-workers at S. S. Fisher. Then I joined Ira. G. Steffy in 1997 and he’s been providing quality drawings ever since. He knew the steel business as well as anyone I know and he will be dearly missed. Just about every morning he would greet me with a “Que pasta” and at the end of the day I would hear “Adios Amigo” as he left for the day. Coop had a heart of gold and was as honest as the day is long. He was proud of his family and spoke fondly of his three beautiful daughters and his grandchildren. It’s sad to see him go, but it’s comforting to know he is no longer suffering with his health issues.

Rest In Peace my dear friend and until we meet again, Adios Amigo!

Gary R. Erb

Gary R. Erb - February 18, 2019 at 08:13 PM

LH

❤️ *Gary you were always considered his first Lancaster buddy! Thanks so much for being there for him*

lisa harsh - February 20, 2019 at 06:09 AM

DE

We always knew when you called or vice versa with "que Pasta". He thought if you like his little brother. Thank you for always being there for him. When he had no work, he would call you and you would always find something. When Steffys offered him an "office" job, he was excited to be actually going to work every day. I remember the first day we had to shop for "real" clothes. That was a mess.

Deanna - February 20, 2019 at 07:53 AM

DS

“ I sit here with a heavy heart. Coop has been a friend for about 30 years now. My love and sympathy goes out to the entire family. The loss is great and the pain is deep. Rest in peace my friend.

Dan Snyder.

Daniel Snyder - February 17, 2019 at 07:34 PM

DE

Oh Danny! He adored you guys so much. Thank you!

Deanna - February 20, 2019 at 07:54 AM

RS

A true L&M member had a heart of gold. He did a lot for others when he could, always helped with food to needy families. And man was h fun at our fishing trips. The stories I could tell lol bigger Rich L&M Prez

richard shirley - February 20, 2019 at 04:18 PM