



## Jake Robert Cooper

August 3, 2007 - March 22, 2020

Jake Robert Cooper, age 12, passed away suddenly on March 22, 2020 at his home.

He was born August 3, 2007, in Pittsburgh, to his loving parents, Robert and Andrea Cooper.

Jake lived life like everyone should, with a huge smile and constant laughter. His smile was contagious and one that everyone knew. He was always making those around him laugh. He was known by his family and friends as a fun, silly, sweet, kind and amazing boy.

Baseball was Jake's passion and it showed. He played for the Beaver Valley Baseball team. At any moment you could see him practicing and learning with his Dad. He wanted to make his Dad proud and did he ever on the field and off. He was his Mom's pride and joy and was his sister's best buddy, always acting silly together. As a family, they loved to go to Disney every year, vacation with friends and just be together.

Jake enjoyed being outside, swimming in his new swimming pool, playing with the neighborhood kids and spending time with his family and close friends.

He will be greatly missed by all that knew him and everyone is better having

had him in their lives.

Jake is survived by his loving family; his parents, Robert and Andrea (Brereton) Cooper of Mars and his adoring sisters, Alyson and Abigail Cooper both at home.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Charles and Karen Brereton; paternal grandparents, Connie Green and Sam Nantalina and Robert and Joan Cooper all of East Liverpool. His aunts, Patty & Rob Vantillburg, Lori and Jeff Allmon, Molly and Trevor Eastham, Kristin and Stephen Mercer and Ashley Cooper and Jonathan Moore; uncles, Denny and Julie Brereton and John and Jen Brereton all of East Liverpool; and numerous cousins and close friends that all loved him dearly.

A private family visitation and service will be held.

Due to the current situation, there will be no public service at this time. A Celebration of Jake's life will be held at a later time for all to come and remember Jake.

In honor of Jake, The Jake Cooper Legacy Fund has been set up for memorial donations. Jake's family will decide at a later date how to give back to the community in Jake's Memory. The Go Fund Me link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jake-cooper-legacy-fund>.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Andrea...I didn't know you until yesterday when I met you at the gravesite. You were so lovingly caring for Jake's resting place. I saw the pain in your eyes, and heard the disbelief in your voice. Jake rests very close to my beloved husband, and so I promise to speak to the Lord on your family's behalf at my visits to my husband. Although my heart is broken, I'm sure you're is shattered. I'm praying that you will see God's grace even in this extremely difficult time in your life. I truly will fulfill my commitment to you and Jake.

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**Augie Campbell Bell** - May 18, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DA

“ Dear Rob and family,  
JACKIE and I are so very sorry for the lost of Your son. To loss a child is not the way it should be. But know he will be with you always. Please accept our condolences. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

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**Dave and Jackie Arrigio** - March 29, 2020 at 12:25 AM

RG

“ I'm so sorry, Rob.



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**Robert Greaves** - March 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM

UL

“ *Uncle Jeff And Aunt Lori lit a candle in memory of Jake Robert Cooper*



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**Uncle Jeff and Aunt Lori** - March 28, 2020 at 12:21 AM

ES

“ *Rob, I am beyond heartbroken for you and your family. I can only wish for healing and peace for all of you however long that may take. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to all of you and everyone's life that Jake touched. Elayne Schweikert*

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**elayne schweikert** - March 27, 2020 at 12:36 PM

KK

“ *Rob and family: I am absolutely heartbroken to hear of the loss of your precious son. May God be with you all during these darkened days and the road going forward. Know that you have many people praying for you.*

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**kim kerr** - March 27, 2020 at 08:16 AM

TA

“ *I am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Tammy Boka*

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**Tammy** - March 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

AP

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**Aunt Patty** - March 26, 2020 at 08:01 PM

PV

“ *Jake, you could light up any room with your smile and silliness. Aunt Patty is going to miss you so much! I love you! ❤️*

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**Patty Vantilburg** - March 26, 2020 at 07:51 PM

SM

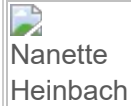
“ *Dear Cooper Family,*

*I heard this devastating news and I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I taught both girls at SKPS and I do fondly remember Jake. There are no words. Our family sends your our deepest condolences.*

*Sincerely,  
Stephanie Miller (Miss Maszkiewicz) , Corey Miller, Emma and  
Kyleigh Morvay*

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**Stephanie Miller** - March 26, 2020 at 12:14 PM



Nanette  
Heinbach

“ We heard about your son, whom we did not know, through fellow Saint Kilian School parents. Our family is keeping your whole family in prayer. There are no words to express our sorrow for you but sending many prayers for peace and healing.  
*The Heinbach Family*

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**Nanette Heinbach** - March 26, 2020 at 10:55 AM



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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Cooper/Brereton family!*

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**Nikki Six (Moore)** - March 26, 2020 at 09:19 AM



AE

“ *Words can not express how sorry we are for your loss. I have enjoyed hearing about Jake this year. About how funny he is, and how nice he is to everyone around him. He truly made an impact on so many. We will continue to pray!*

*Aime, Zuri, Kohlee, Rayleigh and Millie Edwards*

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**Aime Edwards** - March 26, 2020 at 02:40 AM



AZ

“ *Rob cooper and family . Know you are in my prayers . Nobody deserves to go through this . And i cant even imagine what your family is going through .my heart breaks for all of you.*

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**Annina zindren** - March 26, 2020 at 01:14 AM

MC

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy to you all during this difficult time. You have never left my thoughts and prayers I am continuing to send you prayers of strength for you all for days and years to come! God bless you all ❤️

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**Mindy Caye** - March 25, 2020 at 10:41 PM

DB

“ Looking at the pictures that have been provided, it is obvious that even though Jake lived a brief life, it was a life lived to the fullest because of the activities that his wonderful parents provided. The individual and family memories shared here show a couple devoted to giving their children the best possible lives. In this brief storybook, there are thousands of happy, exciting, and truly loving family moments that many children don't get to live. Jake was one lucky guy.

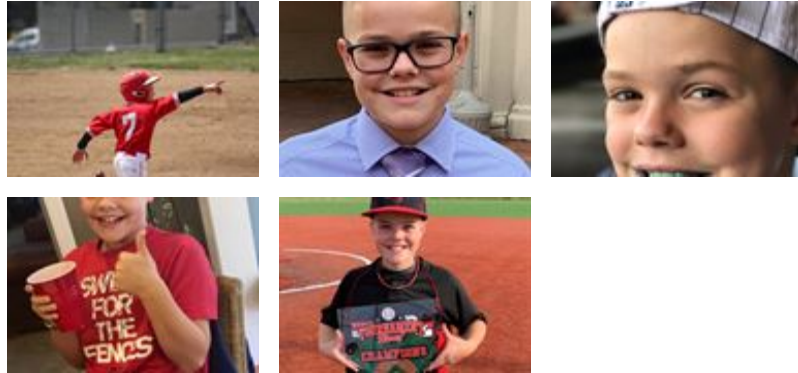
The loss of a child is the greatest sadness a parent can experience, and siblings sometimes never understand the why's. The solid foundation of love and support you have provided your children will help you all get through this terrible time. There are difficult times ahead, sometimes more difficult as the waves of support and attention from friends and community will ease. That is when faith and love take over, and you give thanks for the time with Jake, and never forget what a wonderful fellow you raised.

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**Dan Buckel** - March 25, 2020 at 08:07 PM



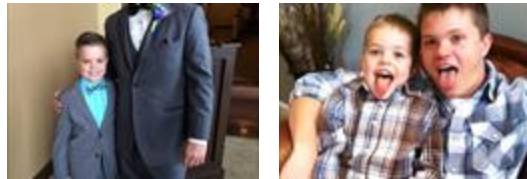
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**Young Funeral Home** - March 25, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Always and forever my little buddy. I'm going to miss your smile, your jokes, and the ability to make everyone laugh. One of a kind Jake. We love you.*



**anthony vantilburg** - March 25, 2020 at 02:30 PM



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**Patty Vantilburg his Aunt** - March 25, 2020 at 02:11 PM

KA

“ I did not have the pleasure of having Jake in my class, but I did get to know him through Alyson and Abby. His smile really did light up a room. I’m devastated for his family and friends. This just doesn’t seem fair. Please know Cooper family, that I am praying for you all and I will continue to pray. 💔

Kris Aiken - March 25, 2020 at 12:31 PM

SH

“ Shuster lit a candle in memory of Jake Robert Cooper



Shuster - March 25, 2020 at 12:10 PM

SH

Shuster is missing Jake very much. Jake and the entire Cooper Family have become Family to Syd. God has a plan for Jake and we all know it's going to be something great. Prayers for Peace and Comfort at this time. Cooper Family please know that Shuster is always here for you if you need to laugh, talk, cry, hug, listen, etc. Don't be afraid to reach out to her.

Shuster - March 25, 2020 at 12:15 PM

FM

“ Wow, I only know your family as being a Mars family but as I read these beautiful memories, I wish I would have met your amazing son. He clearly made a difference in his short time on Earth therefore I'm sure the Lord has plans for him. I just wanted to say that you have a lot of support in the community and we continue to pray for your family during these very difficult unimaginable times.

Filomena Mclaughlin - March 25, 2020 at 09:33 AM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I can not imagine your pain. I loved to her Jake stories at work! Rob always had good ones to tell that would make us laugh! Praying for your comfort and peace.

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**Liane Santilli** - March 25, 2020 at 07:39 AM

KF

“ It was an honor to be Jake’s art teacher this year. He was a joy to have in class. He always worked so hard on projects and would help other students if they needed it. He brought so much laughter to the art room and I will miss seeing his smiling face. I am deeply saddened for you. I know that heaven gained an angel. Thinking of you and sending prayers during this difficult time.

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**Katie Frye** - March 25, 2020 at 12:44 AM

MW

I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Jake well, even though I wasn’t his Kindergarten teacher. He always had a smile on his face and I just loved talking to him. You are all in my prayers! Once a Celtic, always a Celtic. Our whole community is praying for you.

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**Melissa Wertz** - March 25, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MW

“ I had the pleasure seeing Jake every day this school year as his Math/Science teacher. I don’t think he ever came to school without his infectious smile, perfect hair, and adorable dimples. Jake was a light that shined bright in my classroom and had an instant connection with everyone who crossed his path. I will miss seeing his sweet face and the funny conversations we used to have after recess. I am grateful to have gotten to know him this year and am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

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**Michelle Weston** - March 24, 2020 at 09:12 PM

RS

“ Our paths had crossed when our kids were young and he was such a cute little boy, when I saw him at Centennial this year I couldn't believe that was him. He always had such nice manners and that adorable smile on his face. We are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Rachel Steigerwald** - March 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM

DK

Hi Jake, I wanted to pass on this message to the angels that your Mom and Dad are EXTREMELY proud of you! 😊😊

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**Dennis Kozora** - March 24, 2020 at 08:23 PM

LS

My son Lenny Splane has been in class with Jake several times through the years, and says want a great friend he was to so many! I'm so sorry for your loss and send prayers for your family.

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**Lauren Splane** - March 24, 2020 at 11:50 PM

SS

“ Jake, I always looked forward to seeing you when I came over. You always put a smile on my face and we clicked as soon as we met. Being your bud was truly a gift. Rest In Peace to my Little Buddy.

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**Sara Soltis** - March 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KS

“ I will always remember Jake's bright, beautiful smile. Every time we went to the Brennan's for a party, he would either be splashing in the pool smiling away or running up over the hill into the driveway to play some kind of sport with that smile on his face! What an amazing smile he had!

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**korri schwartz** - March 24, 2020 at 06:30 PM

SS

“ My favorite memory of Jake was when he came over to my house when it was raining and I let him drift our ranger, we had so much fun! He was a great friend to me and I'll miss him a lot!

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**Seth Swope** - March 24, 2020 at 06:08 PM

CR

“ I was fortunate enough to teach Jake in 3rd grade. He always came to school with a smile... and a jersey. His smile was infectious. There aren't enough words to express my sorrow for your loss. Heaven has certainly gained an angel. I'm glad I could say I knew him. I am so sorry for you loss!

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**Cetta Richards** - March 24, 2020 at 05:37 PM

WF

“ Jake was always so nice to our son Austen. His smile was the best. We will miss him. Our hearts go out to the Cooper family. The Mars community is here for you.

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**Wroblewski Family** - March 24, 2020 at 05:24 PM

AD

“ It was an absolute honor to be Jake’s 4th grade teacher! I can remember him coming in each morning with a huge smile, those dimples, hair slicked to the side and I would say “morning Coopsta” and he would just laugh. He love for baseball was strong in the 4th grade! He always had on a super cool jersey! My out pouring love and prayers are sent to the Cooper family. Know that Jake made an impact on many teachers and students!  
Attaching a picture in my photo files of him hard at work with a baseball jersey and our awesome class that year!



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**Anastasia DiLorenzo** - March 24, 2020 at 04:57 PM

TM

“ Jake and I had a lot of fun in class this year. He was one of the funniest kids I ever met. I will miss him.  
Ty Maschak

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**Ty Maschak** - March 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

SL

“ It was an honor to be one of Jakes’s fifth grade teachers. I will always remember his bright smile and the kindness he showed toward everyone. My thought and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time. Mrs. Sharyn Lipnicky

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**Sharyn Lipnicky** - March 24, 2020 at 04:43 PM

KM

“*Jakey, you were our baby for so many years, and we couldn't love you anymore than we already do. You were so funny, sweet, kind, and loving. The bond you shared with your cousin, Silas, was so special, and I'll always make sure he remembers you. You were such a light in my life, buddy, and I am going to miss you beyond words. I will see you one day, until, have fun playing baseball in Heaven, and enjoy Jesus' loving arms.*

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**Kristin Mercer** - March 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SF

“*Jake, Thank you for being such an awesome friend to Seth! He is truly going to miss you soo much!! He always had a story to tell about what a great friend you were to him.*

*Cooper Family, I can't imagine what you're going through right now and just pray that God will wrap his arms around you and give you some comfort at this time. Your family will be in our families prayers. Please know that your son was an awesome friend and will be truly missed. Seth has been so upset since he heard the news and just talked with Jake on Saturday.*

*The Swope Family*

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**Swope Family** - March 24, 2020 at 04:36 PM

TF

“*We are heartbroken for your family. Our son Adam went to school with Jake and although he didn't know him that well, he did share with us how nice Jake was and that he was "really cool"...he will miss seeing Jake at school. We are praying for your family.*

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**The Budzilek Family** - March 24, 2020 at 04:16 PM

DK

“ Jake I loved being around you especially when I seen you with Kyle. It was a true definition of Friendship. Thank you for the pleasure of knowing you.

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**Dennis Kozora** - March 24, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RV

“ Every moment with Jake could become a special memory. You just never knew what he would come up with next to make you laugh. Always happy and full of energy. I love you little guy and will miss you everyday. Always In My Heart.

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**Robert Vantilburg** - March 24, 2020 at 03:27 PM