

**Charles Edward Cooper**, (20 Mar 1934 – 8 Dec 2010), Perry County Times, Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Charles Edward Cooper**, 76, of Loysville died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010 at home.

He was born March 20, 1934 in Altoona to the late **Joseph Ross** and **Maude Crissman Cooper**.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in 1952 on a fire control crew at Payette National Forest, McCall, Idaho, and began a career as a service forester in Clarion for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Department of Environmental Resources in 1958. In 1961, he became assistant nursery superintendent at Mont Alto Nursery and was moved to Dague Nursery, Clearfield County, in 1963, serving as superintendent until the nursery's closure in 1978. He then served as superintendent to Penn Nursery and Wood Shop, Spring Mills, and became Pennsylvania State Nursery supervisor in 1986, serving until his retirement in March 1989. He and his wife were partners in a nursery business since 1960.

He graduated from Altoona High School in 1952 and from Penn State University School of Forestry in 1956 with a B.S. in forestry. He served in the Army in the late 1950s, stationed at Fort Greeley, Alaska.

He was an avid hunter, photographer, gardener and grower of ornamentals.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, **Eleanor Lee Lehman**, formerly of Altoona; three children, **John Richard** of York, **Amy Lee Cooper** of Loysville and **Curt William** of Newfoundland, N.J.; and three grandchildren, **Mark**, **Rachel** and **Lydia** of York.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, in Centre Presbyterian Church, 3912 Freeman Hollow Road, Loysville. A luncheon for family and friends will follow.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg 17110, or Centre Presbyterian Church.

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