

**William Henry Cooper**, (24 Mar 1921 – 29 Dec 2012), The Perry County Times, Saturday, January 10, 2013

**William Henry Cooper**, 91, formerly of Landisburg and Largo, Fla., died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012. In recent years, he was a resident of the Church of God Home, Carlisle.

He was born March 24, 1921 on his family's Bell's Hill farm near Landisburg to the **Frank Mitchell Cooper** and **Ida (Jacobs) Cooper**.

He last worked as a food warehouse supervisor at Harrisburg State Hospital and previously worked as a houseparent at the Loysville Youth Development Center and in aircraft electronics at Olmstead Air Force Base, Middletown. Following retirement, he traveled by motor home with his wife throughout most of the United States.

He was a graduate of Landisburg High School, took night courses at Bishop McDevitt High School and graduated from N.Y.A. Trade School in electrical and machine shop, and attended two years of night courses in aircraft electronics at Middletown Army Depot.

He was a World War II Corporal Army Air Corps veteran and received the American Theatre Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal for his service in the South Pacific as a plane mechanic. The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., has a World War I Liberty aircraft engine that he renovated and has a plaque honoring him.

He was a member of New Hope United Church of Christ, Landisburg, American Legion Post 177, Newport, Post 674, Mt. Holly Springs, International Order of Odd Fellows and Landisburg Lions Club, where he organized the West Perry Blood Bank and International Youth Exchange with Peru.

He was an avid gardener and enjoyed hunting.

Surviving are his wife, **Henrietta Jesse (Leister) Cooper**; a son-in-law, **David Eby** of Denver, Colo.; two grandchildren, **Dr. Rebecca Williams** of Madison, Wis., and Matthew Eby of Culver City, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren, **Sydney** and **Meghan Williams**.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, **Ida Marie Eby**; a brother, **Robert A.**; and a sister, **Marie Pritchard**.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 11, in his church, 108 S. Carlisle St., Landisburg, with the Revs. Joshua D. Craley and Glenn D. Miller officiating. Fellowship will follow the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church, P.O. Box 343, Landisburg 17040.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, is handling arrangements.