



MR. DANIEL MICHAEL COONEY

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In Loving Memory of Daniel Michael Cooney November 22, 1951 - August 27, 2025

Daniel Michael Cooney, a lifelong resident and steadfast pillar of the River Rouge community, passed away peacefully at his home on August 27, 2025, at the age of 73. Surrounded by love and in the city he gave his heart to, Dan's journey came to a gentle close.

Born on November 22, 1951, in Wyandotte, Michigan, Dan spent his life devoted to his hometown. He began serving his community at a young age, working for the River Rouge Department of Public Works from 1970 until his retirement in 1999.

His dedication didn't stop there - Dan continued to lead and serve with integrity as Mayor of River Rouge from 1988 to 1993, and later as City Commissioner from November 2013 until his final day. To those who knew him, Dan wasn't just a public servant - he was a neighbor, a friend, a helping hand, and a trusted voice.

Dan was also a passionate pyrotechnician who loved to light up the sky for his city - and for many others. Whether it was the Fourth of July or a special community celebration, he took pride in bringing joy and wonder to people through fireworks, creating memories that lit up more than just the night. He was a man who believed in showing up - whether that was for a city council meeting or event, a snowstorm cleanup, or an always memorable time with family.

He lived his life with humility, strength, and an unwavering commitment to making his community a better place. Dan was preceded in death by his loving parents, James Bernard Cooney and Elizabeth Ida (Bernard) Cooney; his brothers, Wayne and Brian; and his sisters, Ilene and Arleen Cooney - all of whom he held dear and spoke of often with fondness and love.



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He leaves behind his beloved wife, Arlene, with whom he shared a lifetime of memories, love, and partnership; his son, James; his daughter, Danielle (Cooney) Caudill, son in-law David; his treasured granddaughters, Destiny and Desiray, who brought him endless pride and joy. His sister Doreen (Mike) Harris, and his brother Kevin (Bonnie) Cooney.

Dan's love for his family was boundless, and his role as husband, father, and grandfather was one he carried with deep honor. His absence will be felt deeply by all who knew him, but the legacy of his compassion, service, and strength will live on in the city he helped shape - and in the hearts of those who loved him.

A funeral service to celebrate Dan's life will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 12:30pm at the Clora Funeral home in River Rouge. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that acts of kindness be carried out in Dan's memory - a reflection of the way he lived every day.




Events

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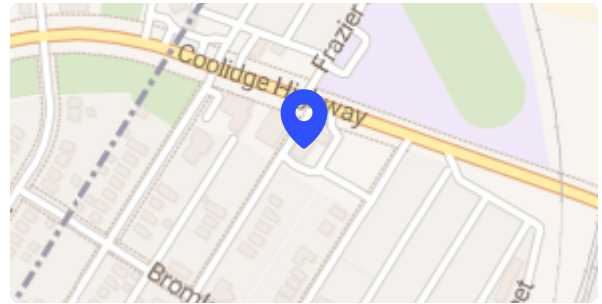
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

 **Thursday**, September 4, 2025

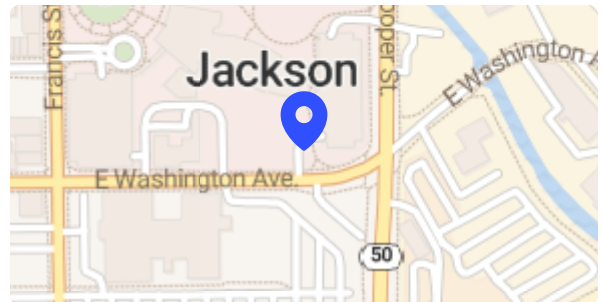
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 **Clora Funeral Home**
1789 Coolidge Highway, River Rouge Michigan



Cemetery Details

 **JACKSON CREMATION SERVICES**
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Tribute Wall

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Kevin Nalley posted:

I will forever remember the joy of working with Dan, as a firebox attendant, to a loader, and a lighter. The memories made during those shows was beyond anything I could have dreamed. He and his family will forever be as my family. He shall be remembered with every single shell I send into the sky. Rest in peace, my friend. ~Kevins 1-9

September 8 at 10:01 AM



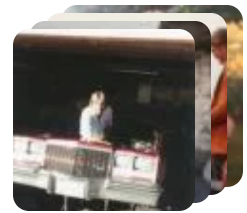
Richard B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of DANIEL.



September 3 at 11:21 AM



Clora Funeral Home shared an album called **Memories Album.**



August 31 at 5:43 AM



Cooper Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of DANIEL.



September 2 at 4:27 PM



Cooper Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the COONEY family.



September 2 at 4:27 PM



Valveta Reese posted:

To the Cooney Family thank you for sharing Dan Cooney who I called my friend with us. My prayers are with you all. Veta Lowery Reese Lifelong Resident of River Rouge

September 2 at 3:51 PM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of DANIEL.



September 2 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the COONEY family.



September 2 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the COONEY family.



August 31 at 10:59 AM



DH

David Harrison posted:

His pen is mighty, his wit sublime. His love of family, firm and kind. The Rouge he champions to the end. No town has a finer friend. And then there in his enchanted eyes. The laughs, the glare, something so wise. So, light a squib and launch one fast. Cause, Dan, you know, we had a Blast.

August 31 at 5:43 AM



Media

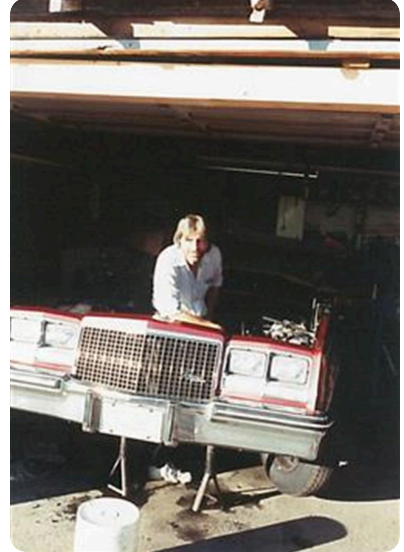
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Clora Funeral Home shared 9 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

September 3 at 8:30 AM

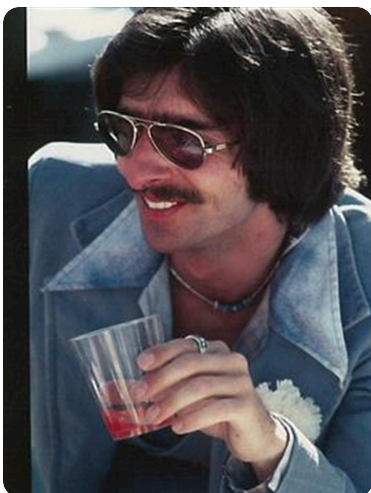




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring DANIEL by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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