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## Dr. Merrill Morris Cooper

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Sunday, September 02, 2007

Merril Morris Cooper, M.D., was born on August 28, 1926, in Roscoe, Texas, and died on August 29, 2007, in Abilene, Texas.

He was the son of Eugene Morris Cooper and Ora Isabel Woodard Cooper, of Union Parish, Louisiana, and Burkett, Texas, respectively.

Merril Cooper was born and raised in Roscoe, Texas, and attended both Texas Tech University and University of Texas at Austin. He then went to medical school at Tulane University and spent 13 years in the Navy. While in the Navy he also attended New York University to become a dermatologist.

He married Charlotte Wittmer in May 1958, in New York, and moved to Southern California, where he had two children, Austin Morris Cooper, born 1959, and Robin Lewis Cooper, born 1961.

In 1976, Merrill Cooper returned to West Texas and opened his practice in Sweetwater and later in Big Spring. While he was practicing in Big Spring, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Defense and Aviation offered him a contract to practice in that nation, which he accepted. Five years later, he was back in West Texas.

He is survived by: his wife, Charlotte, and his two sons, Austin Cooper of Decatur, Alabama, and Robin Cooper, of Lexington, Kentucky, one sister, Merlie Haynes, of Abilene, Texas, and two grandchildren, Ann Simone Cooper and Richard Morris Cooper, both of Lexington, Kentucky, and numerous nephews and nieces.

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