Clyde Daniel Cooper, Jr., son of Clyde D. and Lois Jean McNutt Cooper, Sr., was born on September 2, 1943, in Elgin, Illinois. He spent his early years in Sycamore, Illinois, and graduated from Sycamore High School in 1961. He attended Upper Iowa University graduating in 1969. He received his Master's Degree in Sociology in 1971 from Northern Illinois University. Clyde served with the Marine Corps serving in Vietnam. On February 18, 1977, he was united in marriage with Deloris J. Nicholls in Fayette. Iowa. They made their home in Fayette and Shenandoah. During his career Clyde was employed as an assistant professor of sociology with Upper Iowa University in Fayette, taught courses in the external degree program, on the Upper Iowa campus in Mason City, Iowa, he taught sociology courses in law enforcement and the corrections program at the Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo, Iowa, was a drug abuse counselor at the Mental Health Institute in Independence, Iowa, served as a drug abuse counselor at the Clarinda Treatment Complex in Clarinda, Iowa, taught courses in psychology on the Shenandoah campus of Iowa Western Community College, taught courses in sociology on the Clarinda campus and taught chemical dependency to students in counselor training. He also taught a course in social work for the Ringgold Recovery Center in Mount Ayr, Iowa, was Director of the Residential Care Facility of Page II RCF PMI in Clarinda and was the addictions counselor for the Clarinda Academy, also in Clarinda. He was currently employed with the City of Shenandoah as Chemical Dependency Program Coordinator. Clyde was a member of the Shenandoah First United Methodist Church, the American Legion and a former Booster Club member. He enjoyed being a junior high assistant baseball coach, CABA assistant coach, was a member of the United Methodist Church choir, an active member of AA and he enjoyed reading science fiction.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his mother, Lois Cooper. He is survived by his wife Deloris Cooper, sons Daniel Cooper of Osceola, Iowa, Brandon Cooper, Lincoln, Nebraska, Brian Cooper and his wife Karen of Hope Mills, N. C., stepdaugahter, Kim Schenck of Austin, Texas, stepson Kevin Schenck and his wife Beth of Omaha, Nebraska, two grandchildren, his father, Clyde D. Cooper, Sr., of Sycamore, Illinois, a sister, Sharon McFarlin of Gallitin, Tenn., a brother, Steve Cooper of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a niece, Nicole Carvacho and family of Seneca, S. C., his father and mother-in-law, Eugene and Maxine Nicholls of Council Bluffs, Iowa, aunts, uncles, cousins, the family pet Bailey, and many many friends.