



## Story Mason Cool

August 23, 1929 - January 24, 2019

Story Mason Cool, age 89, of Jackson passed from this world on January 24, 2019. Story was the third child born to parents Fred Harrison Cool and Gertrude Ellen (Story) Cool who preceded him in death, and was born at home on the farm in Pike County where he grew up. Story was preceded in death by his older brother William (Isabelle Montgomery) of Waverly, and younger sister Lois (William Harsh).

Also preceding in death was his granddaughter Layla Cool, daughter of son Mark. He is survived by his older sister Donna age 100 (Robert Willson) of Jasper, and youngest brother John (Patty Simonton). From very young, Story and sister Lois shared in the farm work. Helping feed and care for the animals, helping in the fields, gardens and cutting firewood for the stoves at their home. He attended the New Idaho, Ohio grade school and graduated from Waverly High School in 1947.

In 1945 Story worked as a 'Bell-Boy' at the Emmitt House Hotel in Waverly. He worked for Lake White Club as a waiter in 1946-47. In the winter of 1947-48 Story apprenticed as an American Morse Telegrapher at the N&W DT&I RR interlocking tower at Waverly. From there he began his railroad career at the DT&I Railroad as a telegrapher in Jackson in 1948. During the years following, he was promoted to Agent at Ironton, then Agent at Jackson, and finally as Assistant Train-Master at Springfield in 1986-1987. He retired from

the DT&I/Grant trunk with 40 years of service. During his early years on the railroad, America was heavily involved in defending South Korea from the North. Story was drafted May 1951 into the US Army, Augusta, GA. After basic training he completed the Army High-speed International Morse Code training. He served as a radio team-chief in Korea for the year of 1952. He separated from the army with an honorable discharge at Camp Atterbury, Indiana in 1953 and returned to the DT&I RR at Waverly, Ironton, Jackson, and Springfield. After retirement, Story supervised the City of Jackson Building Code and HUD Rehab Grant office for 17 years, retiring a second time in 2004 to care for his wife, Trevena (TV).

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife, Trevena Gale Stiles, due to Alzheimers disease. He always called her his life-time girlfriend and 'TV', a name a railroad friend had called her as a joke, but she liked. Story met TV when she came into the DT&I Depot one April day to pick up her father's paycheck. They started dating a few years later and were married in June 1954 after he returned from Korea. Story and TV were married 60 years and 20 days until Alzheimers took her life in 2014. Story never quite recovered from this loss and remained devoted to her for the rest of his life.

Surviving are three sons: David Ray (Martha) of Fairborn, Ohio, Mark Allen of Jackson, Ohio, and Matthew Story (Ellen) of Tonawanda, New York. Also surviving are granddaughter India of Fairborn, Ohio, grandson Andrew (Lindsay) of Ft. Meade Maryland, and grandsons Max and Mason of Tonawanda, New York. Also surviving are his older sister, Donna (Robert) Willson, age 100 of Jasper, Ohio, and his youngest brother John (Patty Simonton) of Waverly, as well as hundreds of family and friends in Waverly and Jackson.

Story and Trevena were active members of Calvary U.M. Church in Jackson. Someone there will need to make sure the HVAC is set for all future services.

Story loved working on houses, especially with his sons. He loved country music, vacations with his family (especially to the beach in one big house), going out to eat, and any celebration.

Funeral services will be at Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home, 135 Broadway Street, Jackson, Ohio on Tuesday, January 29th at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Garry Hogue officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery in Jackson with military services by Jackson Chapter 45 of the Disabled American Veterans. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, January 28th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 597, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St  
Jackson, OH 45640  
(740) 286-2090

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home  
135 Broadway Street  
Jackson, OH 45640  
(740) 286-4161

## Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

JAN 29 (ET)

Fairmount Cemetery  
12 Fairmont St  
Jackson, OH 45640  
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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My deepest condolences to you Matt, Ellen, Mason, & Max, and also to your family beyond WNY.*



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**Jo Lynn DeGolia** - February 01, 2019 at 02:13 PM

JG

“ *Matt, Ellen, Max & Mason,*

*Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. What a wonderful life your dad/grandpa lived. His obituary was a beautiful tribute to him. May you find peace and joy in the memories you made with him.*

*With Love,  
The Girzone Family*

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**Jennifer Girzone** - January 31, 2019 at 12:46 PM

JM

“ *Mark and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father's obituary was a beautiful tribute to a life well lived.*

*Sincerely,  
Jill Massie  
Wellston City Schools*

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**Jill Massie** - January 29, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JC

“ *Dear Uncle Story,*

*May you rest in peace. In many ways, by your qualities and your behavior, you were a model for most of the people who knew you. You had high expectations of everyone and even more of yourself. You achieved so much in your life for us all to be proud of. We won't forget you.*

*Your loving nephew,*

*James F. Cool*

*Prague, Czech Republic*

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**James F. Cool** - January 28, 2019 at 02:33 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your South Band Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Story Mason Cool.*



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**Love, Your South Band Family** - January 28, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ *On behalf of the Williamsville South family, our condolences to the Cool family.*

*Jason Swenson*

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**Jason Swenson** - January 28, 2019 at 08:51 AM

RM

“ My Name was Ruth Ann Cool. I was married to Samuel Cool. His dad was Wesley Cool from Waverly. He was the Deputy of Pike Co for a long time. I met Donna Wilson several years ago, and she said she was my husbands 3 rd couisn. I have two children that are cools. My son lives in Chillicothe and can carry on with the Cool name. He has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. I am sorry to hear about this and he did live a long fulfilled life. Blessings to his immediate family.

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**Ruth {Cool} Moore** - January 27, 2019 at 08:56 PM

JF

“ Dear Matt, Ellen, Max and Mason,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time. May you find peace in your memories and may time heal your heart.

Much love,  
Jen Foti

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**Jennifer Foti** - January 27, 2019 at 05:13 PM

RS

“ Dear Matt, Ellen, Max, and Mason, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Find peace in knowing that your father/grandfather is completely whole again and reunited with your mother/grandmother. We love you. Many blessings and heart hugs,  
Steve and Ruth Shewan

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**Ruth Shewan** - January 27, 2019 at 07:10 AM

DB

“ My name is Don Beeler, I was a union rep for BRAC/TCU which Story belonged to for many years. He was a real old time railroader being a telegrapher and Agent of which I know he was proud and a GREAT one. Sale of the south end of the railroad and closings forced him and others to relocate. That was tough on him and many others. He was always a great representative for the DT&I and I thought he was a really fine individual.  
R I P Story.

Donald Beeler - January 26, 2019 at 08:01 PM

DC

Hi Don, thanks so much for your kind thoughts about dad. He was one of the true railroaders and loved it. That sale ended all our careers, but he recovered and moved on. He always thought a lot about everyone he worked with. We remember him mentioning you many times, though I can't remember meeting you in my 10 years there. Thank you again. I appreciate your thoughts. David, Story's oldest son.

David Cool - January 27, 2019 at 08:22 PM

WP

“ My sincere condolence to the family...Story was a devoted railroad employee and a friend may he rest in peace. Wm B Porter

wm B Porter - January 26, 2019 at 07:15 PM

DC

BILL, THis is David Cool, Stories oldest son. I worked on the Dt&I from 1976-1986 as an engineer. I remember you and Joe waldecker very well. Thank you so much for your kind thoughts about dad. He loved the DT&I and the people he worked with over the years. I didnt know who was still around or alive even to inform, but happy that someone still remembered him. Thank you, David

David Cool - January 27, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Story Mason Cool.*



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January 26, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *To David&Family,I'm very sorry to hear of your Fathers passing,I remember you guys as if it was yesterday,Rest In Peace Story,you all will be in my thoughts,your old railroad buddy,Mark Mounts*

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**mark mounts** - January 26, 2019 at 10:32 AM



*Hi Mark. Thank you so much for reaching out to me and the family. We appreciate your kind thoughts. I thought about you the other day, saw a Jennings 22...lol. Hope you are doing well. You can contact me thru David.cool@att.net I was hoping some of the railroad guys would get notice of dad. He was such a presence there and it was an important part of his life. Thanks again. David*

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**David Cool** - January 27, 2019 at 08:00 PM

TL

“ We remember Story as a very devoted father, husband, and church attendee. He never really grew up because he loved cars with big motors and still played with tractors. Sherie and I first met Story at a time in his life when he was caring for TV and doing his utmost to make her life as full and comfortable as possible during her last few years. I have never met anyone, who, in spite of his own limitations, attended to his wife’s needs as completely as he did. They possessed a life long love that few people are blessed to have experienced. I know that he is smiling from ear to ear now beside TV and Jesus, and we look forward to seeing them again sometime soon. God speed brother. We love you. Tim and Sherie Litteral

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**Tim and Sherie Litteral** - January 25, 2019 at 09:02 PM

TO

“ My good friend Mark, brothers David and Matt, and the family, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I wish you sympathy and peace. May your memories fill your heart.  
Sincerely,  
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**thomas osborne** - January 25, 2019 at 06:51 PM

DC

*Thanks Tom, we appreciate your kind thoughts. I'll tell Mark you posted. David*

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**David Cool** - January 27, 2019 at 08:29 PM

TN

“ Dear Matt and Family,

*I was saddened to hear that your father passed away. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Tara North*

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**Tara North** - January 25, 2019 at 05:09 PM

CG

“ Dear Matt & Family,

*We are saddened to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time. May you always remember all the wonderful times you shared with your dad.*

*With fondness,  
Williamsville South Guidance/Counseling Center*

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**Cheryl Goldstone** - January 25, 2019 at 02:14 PM

JC

“ Dear Matt and Ellen, Susan and I were saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Wishing you and your family strength during this difficult time. Love, John and Susan.

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**John Climer** - January 25, 2019 at 01:40 PM

DS

“ I worked with Story from 1987 until 2006. He became a very dear friend to my husband and me and I have too many stories to tell about our time together that won't fit in this memory box. He had me in stitches more often than not, and for deadpan Story, that's saying something. Mike and I will miss him more than he could have imagined. Love you, Story, and we'll see you again someday.

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**Deanna Stroth** - January 25, 2019 at 12:53 PM

DC

Thank you Deanna. Dad thought a lot of you and Mike and we were always hearing stories too. He loved you guys and will be waiting and preparing the party for all of us. David

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**David Cool** - January 27, 2019 at 08:34 PM