



## Betty Spencer Cooper

February 28, 1932 - March 6, 2017

On March 6, 2017, Betty Spencer Cooper went into the loving open arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Betty was born February 28, 1932 in Elkton Hospital. She was the daughter of Harry Andrew and Emma Catherine Craig Spencer of Kennedyville, MD. She married James Carl Cooper of Chestertown on August 21, 1954, at the Kennedyville Methodist Church. They were married 62 years.

She graduated from Chestertown High School in 1949, and from Towson College in 1953, with a major in education. She began her teaching career at Rock Hall Elementary School in 1953 and later moved to Chestertown Elementary School where she taught second grade. Her teaching career spanned 31 years. Upon retirement, she became a housewife.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 32, and Christ United Methodist Church.

Her brother, Wayne Spencer (Marian), of Middletown, DE, survives and a second brother, Kenny Spencer, predeceased her.

A funeral service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Reverend Vonnie Paxton will officiate. Friends may call at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral arrangements were made by Marvin V. Williams, Jr., Funeral Director in Chestertown, MD.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 08, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ *Betty Spencer Cooper*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Betty Spencer Cooper*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Betty Spencer Cooper*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JB

“ Mr. Carl, we are so sorry for your loss. Mrs Betty was such a wonderful person, so sweet. we never had her in school, but after meeting her, I know she was a wonderful caring teacher and mentor to so many children. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Wayne & Joyce Bradley



Joyce Bradley - March 09, 2017 at 04:43 PM

LM

“ I was lucky enough to have our wonderful Mrs. Cooper as my second grade teacher at Chestertown Elementary in 1956-57. I think all the boys and girls fell in love with this stunningly beautiful, petite, young woman who was kind and patient, yet a very effective teacher. (I remember wishing I could hit that musical note, when she so desperately tried to help me to sing on key!) Every time I saw her since second grade was another delight. And every time I passed the school building on Washington Avenue, for oh so many years, just seeing our classroom on the south corner of the first floor brought back warm memories of second grade with Betty Cooper, one of my very favorite teachers in all my educational experiences. She will be missed here, but we will all carry her with us in our hearts. In loving memory, Lynn McLain

Lynn McLain - March 09, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ Robin Kurowski lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



Robin Kurowski - March 09, 2017 at 09:45 AM

JF

“ *Jane Davis Feigleson lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**Jane Davis Feigleson** - March 08, 2017 at 11:03 PM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**Peggy States Edwards** - March 08, 2017 at 08:30 PM

PE

*Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Carl. God has received one beautiful lady. We both had Ms. Betty for a school teacher and loved her so much. Mr. Carl we pray the fond memories you hold within your heart will help during this very difficult time. Prayers and thoughts are with you. Peggy States and Carlton Edwards*

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**Peggy States Edwards** - March 08, 2017 at 08:33 PM

ML

*My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Cooper. She was my second grade teacher at Chestertown Elementary School in 1957. My family moved to Chestertown in the late fall of 1956 and Mrs Cooper became my second 2nd grade teacher, with Mrs Green at the Galena Elementary School being the first. Even though I was coming in during the second half of the school year, Mrs Cooper made me feel very welcome. I remember her teaching us how to play the flutophone, pushing the chairs back and playing 'duck duck goose' and performing the Maypole routine. Mrs Cooper always remembered me at each of our class reunions as I was the kid who fell from the sliding board on the school playground and broke his arm. Mrs Cooper knew exactly what to do during the event. Seems like within minutes my mom was at the school and I was off to the hospital to see Dr Farr. As I told Mrs Cooper at each reunion, I thought she was very pretty, very smart and mostly very patient. Each time I think back on my school days, Mrs Cooper is the 1st person I remember. I will miss her smile and kindness. Morgan Lusby*

**Morgan Lusby** - March 16, 2017 at 10:40 AM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



**Nancy Toy** - March 08, 2017 at 07:38 PM

NT

*My son's favorite teacher and such a lovely lady, always with a smile to share. Rest in peace and prayers for the family.*

**Nancy Toy** - March 08, 2017 at 07:40 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - March 08, 2017 at 05:14 PM

TJ

*She was a great teacher!!!!*

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - March 08, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 08, 2017 at 02:56 PM

GS

“ One of the best teachers ever! She was firm yet fair, I treasure the life lessons she provided. Shed not a tear, but smile....as she has made all our lives richer.

*Gary Starkey*

Gary Starkey - March 08, 2017 at 02:28 PM

AS

“ My favorite Teacher has gone to teach others again as she did here on earth. I learned many things from Mrs. Cooper which has guided me through this life well. Mr. Carl we know you are hurting but she is in a better place. I will remember that 12" wooden ruler the rest of my life but it was well worth every memory. Betty Cooper was the Education Teacher who I had the utmost respect for. May she now Rest in Peace with Jesus.

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**Allan Schauber** - March 08, 2017 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



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**Donna Hollett** - March 08, 2017 at 12:26 PM

CK

“ Carter Knotts lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



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**Carter Knotts** - March 08, 2017 at 10:45 AM

CK

May the Lord wrap his arms around you and comfort you Carl during this time. Rest in peace Betty, we'll miss you.

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**Carter Knotts** - March 08, 2017 at 10:49 AM

EB

“ Eileen Brice` lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



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**Eileen Brice`** - March 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM

EB

*Prayers to the family, especially Carl. Wonderful memories of Betty will last forever. Bill & Eileen*

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**Eileen Brice`** - March 08, 2017 at 10:36 AM

KK

“ Kevin & Ella Kerr lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper



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**Kevin & Ella Kerr** - March 08, 2017 at 08:54 AM

JB

“ Sending hugs and prayers Carl!



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**Joyce Benton** - March 08, 2017 at 08:41 AM

NW

“ *Nita Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**Nita Wieczoreck** - March 08, 2017 at 08:06 AM

DJ

“ *DONNA JAMAR lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**DONNA JAMAR** - March 08, 2017 at 07:40 AM

JH

“ *Judy And Denny Hickman lit a candle in memory of Betty Spencer Cooper*



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**Judy and Denny Hickman** - March 08, 2017 at 07:25 AM