



Carolyn Ethyl Cooper

March 28, 1942 - January 15, 2021

Carolyn E. Cooper went home with the Lord on January 15, 2021, at the age of 78. She was the daughter of B. Reginald and Evelyn Williams Cooper of Worton. She was the granddaughter of Barney Reybold Cooper and Ethyl R. Loud and also of Ralph P. Williams and Sarah Cooper Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Marilyn Helen Cooper; brother, Richard R. Cooper; and her nephew, Christopher Cooper.

Carolyn grew up in Worton, attended the two-room Worton Elementary School, and graduated from Chestertown High School in 1960. She graduated from the Old Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Wilmington, DE, in 1963. She also took some courses at the University of Delaware. She worked at the Memorial Hospital in Wilmington as a nurse until she became sick and had to move home.

She has lived on Queen Street in Chestertown since 1970, first with her brother in the Buck Baccus House, then in the Simperts home. She bought her home, 127 N. Queen, in 1976, and has lived there since then. She was a lifelong member of Worton United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years.

In the early 1970's, an older relative took her to Union Cemetery, adjacent to

IU Church near Worton, where some of her ancestors were buried. It was very overgrown, fallen stones, etc. Carolyn started researching the history of the cemetery and the people buried there. She started an annual Descendants Day for descendants of those buried in Union Cemetery in 1980 and has held one every year since then. As a result, the cemetery is cleaned up and taken care of, and there is a Union Cemetery Committee to keep up her work. She has also had two books published: Worton Gleaning in 1983 and Descendant's Day, A history of the Center of Kent County, MD, in 2016. Descendant's Day could not have been completed without the many hours of help from her devoted friend, Holly Geddes.

We will all remember Carolyn as the lady traveling around Chestertown in her wheelchair with the American flag proudly displayed. One of her favorite stops was the foot of High Street, where she would feed the ducks and geese.

Carolyn is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, B. Stephen and Judy Cooper; their daughter, Stephanie Cooper Price; her sons, Hunter Price and his wife Courtney and their children Kennedi, Kaden, and Maddox, and Thomas Price and his wife Elaine. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Faye Torstrict, widow of Carolyn's deceased brother, Dick Cooper; their son, William Michael Cooper and his wife, Janelle; and their children, Cole, Ethan, Noah, and Evelyn Cooper.

The service of celebration will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home on Saturday, January 23, at 1 pm, with visitation beginning at 12 pm and interment in Old Union Cemetery. The service will be live-streamed at www.fhnfuneralhome.com so that those who cannot attend may still watch.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Old Union Cemetery, in care of Elizabeth (Sis) Williams at 25367 Lambs Meadow Road, Worton MD or to Worton UM Church at P.O. Box 114, Worton, MD 21678.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 02:29 PM



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 20, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Carolyn Ethyl Cooper

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Carolyn was truly one of the most colorful characters on Queen Street. We enjoyed getting to know her and found her a treasure trove for local history and town family genealogy.

She always had a cheery wave and kept close tabs on and commented on our house renovations as we progressed. We were pleased she gave the red paint for the siding her seal of approval.

I will always remember her on her red scooter buzzing about and greatly admired her perseverance and pluck, and especially how defying the odds after her stroke, she found a way to come back to live on the street with us again for a while.

We are grateful to have known her as a neighbor, and know that our son Conor was there to give her Marine escort to Heaven.

Susan Flanigan and Michael McDowell

Susan Flanigan - January 28, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ Caroline was part of life on Queen Street. She knew everyone, had a good word for everyone (as well as the many canines). You had to admire her spirit, her grit and visible determination. She would, in even cold weather, journey by scooter up to Aquafit to do her morning PT. And she loved Halloween; her house was a big attraction on that lively night for our street .In this last year we have admired her fight and survival and I for one wish her peace and rest.
Alice Ritchie

alice ritchie - January 23, 2021 at 08:52 AM

GM

“ Carolyn always had a smile, even in the difficult days. She had an energy and a way to look at life which will remain an inspiration for me.

Sincere condolences to her family.

Genevieve Menard and Steve McWilliams. Queen Street.

Genevieve Menard - January 22, 2021 at 07:37 PM

EW

“ Louis and Betty Ann Wheat would like to send our deepest sympathy and love to all of the Cooper Family.



Elizabeth A Wheat - January 21, 2021 at 03:48 PM

BR

“ She is not suffering anymore in her wheelchair ☐
But she was always happy to see me and my grandmother down at high street
Feeding the ducks 🦆
Always had that American flag on the back of her wheelchair ☐

Brandon - January 21, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 20, 2021 at 09:30 AM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - January 19, 2021 at 09:00 AM

KB

“ *Kaye Barned lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Kaye Barned - January 19, 2021 at 01:15 AM

DF

“ Dawn Ford lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Dawn Ford - January 18, 2021 at 09:24 PM

DG

“ Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Donna Gibbons-Neff - January 18, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Sharon Crew - January 18, 2021 at 05:50 PM

CB

“ Cathie Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Cathie Blakeney - January 18, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CB

Steve, Judy and family so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of time spent with Carolyn at Worton Church. She was a brave lady and a true friend. R.I.P.

Cathie Blakeney - January 18, 2021 at 05:14 PM

KM

“ Carolyn was probably the most determined person I've known. I've always appreciated all of the time she spent preserving local history. Sending my sincerest condolences.

Karla M. Moffett - January 18, 2021 at 05:04 PM

HG

“ Carolyn was a true friend with a wicked sense of humor. We marveled that the two of us were do different in our life experiences. But we had fun together and I will miss her.



Holly Geddes - January 18, 2021 at 04:30 PM

HG

“ Holly Geddes lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Holly Geddes - January 18, 2021 at 04:25 PM

JS

“ *Judy Sharretts lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Judy Sharretts - January 18, 2021 at 03:25 PM

FL

“ *We are very sorry for your loss.*



Frankie and Cathy Legg - January 18, 2021 at 11:52 AM

LS

“ *Linda Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Linda Schmidt - January 18, 2021 at 11:05 AM

PM

“ *Pattie And Michael Murphy lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Pattie and Michael Murphy - January 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - January 18, 2021 at 10:17 AM

DN

Our thoughts and our prayers are with Carolyn's family. We will always remember her dedication to Worton United Church and the Union Cemetery. We have learned so much from Carolyn over the years and will continue to learn through her Descendant's Day book that we will always treasure.

Debbie and Bob Nickerson - January 18, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MD

I was a neighbor of Carolyn's for almost 20 years and had nothing but admiration for her. She was one "tough" lady. My deepest sympathy to all the Cooper family. Mackey Metcalfe Dutton

Mackey Dutton - January 18, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SB

“ *Susie Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Susie Baldwin - January 18, 2021 at 10:08 AM

MK

“ Marion Myers Kellas lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Marion Myers Kellas - January 18, 2021 at 08:57 AM

MK

Judy and Steve so sorry for your loss, she has been a tough lady. God Bless

Marion Myers Kellas - January 18, 2021 at 08:59 AM

LS

“ C to admire. She was always so passionate about whatever I project she took on. As I learned more about her life before her wheelchair I realized what an extraordinary person she was. She so enjoyed our Tuesday night dinners and telling her stories as nurse. She never let her physical problems get her down. I will really miss. My condolences to her family. Rest In Peace dear friend you've earned it.

Linda Schmidt - January 17, 2021 at 08:25 PM

SW

“ Sherry & Jack Williams lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Sherry & Jack williams - January 17, 2021 at 07:28 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Dave and Donell Smith - January 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM

WG

“ *She was a good friend and one of the bravest people that I have ever known. Despite her debilitating lifelong disease, she persevered against it throughout her life while maintaining a terrific, upbeat sense of humor.*



Walter Geddes - January 17, 2021 at 02:04 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - January 17, 2021 at 11:56 AM

SC

“ Nothing held Carolyn down. Carolyn was a tough lady. She would ride all around Chestertown on her motorized scooter with an American Flag on the back. Always enjoyed chatting with her.

Sam remembers Carolyn being a pretty good basketball player.

Steve & Judy we extend our sympathy to you at this time.

Betty & Sam Carroll

Samuel Carroll - January 16, 2021 at 10:32 PM

KM

“ Kim McSorley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Kim McSorley - January 16, 2021 at 07:12 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Nancy Toy - January 16, 2021 at 05:58 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Thelma Bright - January 16, 2021 at 03:49 PM

TB

*Carolyn was a unique lady with the best sense of humor and cheerful personality!!We shared many conversations at the river and at class reunions. At one class reunion, Carolyn arrived and wheeled herself into the entrance of a room and shouted "let the party begin!!" She was at the wrong room at Heron Point but she sure woke those folks up!! She will be missed so much.
Love you Carolyn, Bill and Thelma Bright*

Thelma Bright - January 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM

ST

A fighter to the end! She was surely an historian who wanted to share her knowledge with everyone. She loved everyone. My sincere condolences to her family and friends!

Sharon J Truitt - January 16, 2021 at 05:38 PM

SB

“ *Prayers for a very sweet lady. I will miss her whole hearted laughs.*



Stefanie Blyman - January 16, 2021 at 03:23 PM

MA

“ *Maryanne Alderson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Maryanne Alderson - January 16, 2021 at 02:23 PM

LP

“ *Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Lee Phillips - January 16, 2021 at 01:59 PM

MM

“ *So sorry to lose such a knowledgeable county historian and wonderful friend. Ms. Carolyn and I shared a great friendship. She will be missed dearly. Sending love and prayers to her vast family and friends. Mark*



mark mumford - January 16, 2021 at 01:47 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper*



Joyce Benton - January 16, 2021 at 11:47 AM

PR

“ Carolyn was an inspiration to many people. Despite her physical limitations she lived an active life and appeared cheerful. She will be missed.

Pat & Ray Clarke

Pat & RayClarke - January 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Marian Wyble - January 16, 2021 at 10:06 AM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Ethyl Cooper



Frankie & Jane Dill - January 16, 2021 at 12:55 AM