

Gertrude Ann "Peggy" Cooper

April 2, 1929 - January 15, 2016

Gertrude Ann Frary Cooper (Peggy) was called home on January 15, 2016 in Bloomington, IN at the age of 86. Peggy was born on April 2, 1929 in Jackson Heights, NY. She was the third daughter of Paul Frary and Gertrude Pettijohn Frary. Her early years were spent in Great Neck, NY until the untimely death of her father at the early age of 11. She then moved to Indianapolis, IN where she completed her education and graduated from Shortridge High School. She later attended Butler University as a Journalism major. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and continued her support of the organization at Indiana University.

She married the joy of her life, Richard H. Cooper, June 8, 1952. They shared 62 wonderful years together until his passing last year. Peggy was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was president of the Women's Association and loved Bible study. Her contribution to the community was extensive and included Boys and Girls scout leader, Meals on Wheels, and volunteer. She was a 50 year member of P.E.O., a philanthropic organization, to promote the education and success of women. She was also a past president and founder of Chapter CR in Bloomington. She enjoyed playing bridge and tennis, aerobic dancing, reading, poetry, theater, and was an avid traveler. Her favorite trips were to Egypt and China. She loved collecting photos, scrapbooking, and journaled consistently over the years. She was featured in the Herald Telephone Newspaper several times and even wrote an historical article.

Surviving members include her five children: Gayle Kimmell (Jim) Fishers, IN; Ken (Debby) Eldridge, IA; Carolyn Coyne (Steve) Carmel, IN; Keith (Kelly) Mays Landing, NJ; and Dann (Dixie) Bloomington, IN. She leaves behind 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 sisters Francis Sharp and Blanche Barnes, and granddaughter Sarah Jean Cooper.

Funeral Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 1:00pm with Rev Andy Kort officiating visitation will be from 11:00am to service time at the church. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Jean Cooper Scholarship Fund

The family wishes to thank all caregivers from Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center and Hospice.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Peggy's family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

JT

“ I'm so sorry to hear that your mom has passed away. I am making a contribution to the Alzheimer's research in her honor. She had a full life and did a lot for others.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"--Matthew 25:23

Jody Toth

Jody Toth - January 19, 2016 at 03:14 PM

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“ When we moved into Arden Place in 1996, I was surprised to discover that I already knew two of my neighbors across the street as I had sat in the row in front of them every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church during my years in graduate school at IU beginning in 1984. Peggy recognized me right away even though it had been a few years since I had seen her. She always had a bright smile, and was eager to have someone join her on a walk. I have fond memories of conversations with both Peggy and Dick over many years in the neighborhood, and it isn't the same without them. Please accept my condolences in this writing as I am unable to attend services tomorrow.

Robin Ripley and family

Robin Ripley - January 18, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Gertrude Ann "Peggy" Cooper.*



January 18, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Aunt Peggy is when Christopher and I visited Bloomington for her 50th Wedding Anniversary. Chris was close to 2 years old, I believe, and going through a phase where he really loved pipes. When Chris and I went with my father Jack to visit "brother Dick" at their house (I think Keith was also there?), Peggy could tell Chris was a little fussy and bored. So she took him downstairs into a closet or bedroom where all of the vacuum pieces were stored. She and Chris had a grand time playing with the vacuum hoses! Very kind and generous; that's how I remember Aunt Peggy.*
Peter Cooper

Peter Cooper - January 18, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Gertrude Ann "Peggy" Cooper.*



January 18, 2016 at 12:12 PM



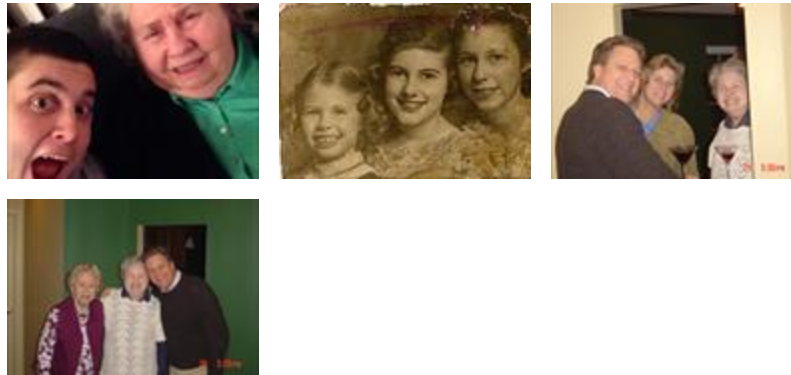
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gertrude Ann "Peggy" Cooper.*



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Carolyn Coyne - January 17, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dear Family of Peggy,
How I enjoyed your mother. I knew her, for the most part, through PEO, and she was always, always cheerful, a disposition I appreciated so much. I remember her telling me how she loved to take alleys instead of streets when driving around Bloomington. She was one for adventure. I will miss her.
Sincerely, Ann Armstrong
P.S. I saw your mother several times at Autumn Hills, a good place where I'm sure she was well-taken care of.*

Ann Armstrong - January 17, 2016 at 11:14 AM

JS

“Peggy had a magical, infectious personality, always positive, invariably kind. The Good Book says that man looks on the outward appearance. I plead guilty. Who could not help admiring the entire Cooper family, every one of them attractive and always impeccably put together when they came to church together. During the 1970s I served with Peggy on the Session and in the Women's Association at First Presbyterian Church. Because we lived only a couple of blocks from each other, we often drove to meetings together. Peggy was fun to be with. We were in a skit together for the Women's Association -- I think Holly Arpan was the director -- and Peggy showed herself a gifted actor. When I remember her, I will think of her laugh. She laughed easily and often. She was a beautiful person, and I feel fortunate to have known her for decades. She and Dick were devoted to each other and to their family. My sincere sympathy.

Judy Schroeder

Judy Schroeder - January 16, 2016 at 10:03 PM

CB

“Peggy was a much appreciated member of Chapter CR of PEO here in Bloomington. We missed her the last years. We share your loss. Our deepest sympathy. In PEO love, Carolyn Bailey

Carolyn Bailey - January 16, 2016 at 12:13 PM

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“I am so sorry for your loss, Keith. I remember both of your parents fondly.... Part of my B town memories! Prayers to you and your siblings .

Nancy Schilling Stanwick - January 16, 2016 at 08:34 AM



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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - January 15, 2016 at 03:31 PM