



Shirley McLaughlin Cooper

February 8, 1935 - April 8, 2017

Shirley McLaughlin Cooper, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2017, surrounded by her family in Columbia, SC. She was born February 8, 1935 in East McKeesport, PA, a daughter of the late Oliver and Florence (Utt) McLaughlin and was also preceded in death by a sister Margaret June Smouse. She is survived by her husband John Cooper, her sister Virginia Ives, her children David and Sarah Cooper, Bruce and Katherine Cooper, John and Carol Pascutti, Rich and Patty Liverance, along with 16 grandchildren and 8 spouses, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Her extraordinary life was marked by warmth, generosity, and her signature smile. She was a friend to all – eagerly helping anyone in need. She noticed everyone and was sure to make each person feel special. She proudly told of her trust in Jesus Christ, wanting everyone to know Her Savior.

Shirley and John fell in love at East McKeesport High School and were later married in 1956. For the next 61 years, they were a winning team. They lived life to the fullest enjoying travel and sports with each other and their kids while living in Pennsylvania, California, Indiana, Georgia, and South Carolina. As a mother, Shirley was unmatched. She created a home filled with homemade food, happy music, laughter, singing, Steelers football, and an open door to anyone wanting to join in the fun. As kids were married and scattered throughout the country, she clocked countless miles to make it to every birth and special event in her grandkids' lives. They were the sunshine of her life. She loved John with her whole heart and together with him, Shirley poured

herself into 3 generations; instilling faith, joy and boundless encouragement. She was the heart of the Cooper family and leaves a beautiful legacy. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the William Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church, Oak & Third Streets, Irwin. Those attending please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in Penn Lincoln Memorial Park. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Penn Lincoln Memorial Park

14679 U.S. 30
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley McLaughlin Cooper

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Shirley McLaughlin Cooper

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Ginny, I never knew your sister but she looks like you and her good points sounds like yours. You have my condolences.
Marylyn Devlin

Marylyn Devlin - April 12, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ Ann & Joey Dedman lit a candle in memory of
Shirley McLaughlin Cooper



Ann & Joey Dedman - April 12, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ Todd Henning & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley McLaughlin Cooper.



Todd Henning & Family - April 12, 2017 at 07:24 PM

NF

“ *Northside Christian Church, your Life Group family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Shirley McLaughlin Cooper.*



Northside Christian Church, your Life Group family - April 12, 2017 at 04:52 PM

GA

“ *John, my most sincere condolences to you and your family. Shirley made me feel like part of the family from the first moment she we met. Her smile and sunny disposition made me happy to just be near her. She will be missed by all.*

Glen Appleby - April 12, 2017 at 01:44 PM

WI

“ *Whitehall Industries purchased the Lavender Refl ections Spray for the family of Shirley McLaughlin Cooper.*



Whitehall Industries - April 12, 2017 at 10:15 AM

UC

“ *UACJ Corporate purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Shirley McLaughlin Cooper.*



UACJ Corporate - April 12, 2017 at 10:04 AM

Wendy
Hixen

“ *John & family, Virginia & family, our thoughts and prayers for all.*

*Love,
Fred & Joy
Wendy & Lori & families*

Wendy Hixen - April 12, 2017 at 07:49 AM

TY

“ *Terry Kawashima and Mike Yamamoto purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley McLaughlin Cooper.*



Terry Kawashima and Mike Yamamoto - April 11, 2017 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ *Oh, what wonderful times we had with Shirley at East McKeesport High. She was a funny and beautiful lady. Bob and Sally Strait*

Sally Strait - April 11, 2017 at 09:21 AM

PR

John, my sympathies and prayers are with you and your family in this sad time. You two were a wonderful model for every couple.

Patrick Rooney - April 13, 2017 at 02:51 PM