



Shirley A. Cooper

March 15, 1946 - July 11, 2017

Shirley A. Cooper

(nee Dare)

Age 71, of Braidwood passed away on July 11th, 2017, with family by her side at Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet. She was born on March 15, 1946, the eldest child of George E. and Marie (Benson) Dare Sr. Following graduation from Coal City High School with the Class of 1964, Shirley married David A. Cooper on June 26th, 1964, at the Coal City Methodist Church. They had recently observed their fifty-third anniversary. Shirley began her career in banking in the mid 1960's at the State Bank of Braidwood. During her more than 30 years in banking, she became a trusted and reliable resource for customers in the Braidwood area. In recent years she worked for Edward Jones Investment and Wells Fargo Investments continuing with the personal service her customers had come to know. Shirley was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood. She was a former member of the Braidwood Fire Sirens. Shirley served as the treasurer of the Reed – Custer School District and also served on the Braidwood Police Pension Board. In her free time, Shirley enjoyed watching the birds, especially the cardinals. Getting together with her monthly card group was one of her favorite activities. Above all she enjoyed attending her granddaughter Zoriana's events: basketball, cheerleading competitions, softball games and speech contest. Family gatherings were her favorite. Family reunions, holidays, birthdays, and "just because" were important to keep the family bond.

Shirley is survived by her husband, David Cooper; her daughter, Dawn Cooper; her granddaughter, Zoriana Cooper. She is further survived by her father, George E. Dare, Sr., and her siblings: Georgiean Benson of Monticello, IL; George E. (Kathy) Dare, Jr. of Morris, IL; Beverly McKee of Cape Coral, FL; Betty (William) Booras of Plainfield, IL; and Donna (Joey) Ferrari of South Wilmington, IL. Also surviving is her sister-in-law Kathleen (Donald) Gerz of Osh Kosh, WI, as well as countless aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Preceding Shirley were her mother, Marie Dare, her in-law's, Alexander and Mildred Cooper, and her brother-in-law, Daniel Cooper.

Shirley's family would like to extend a thank you to Provena St. Joseph ICU nurses, doctors and staff. Additionally, they thank the staff of Joliet Area Community Hospice. We appreciate all the support from our family and friends during this difficult time.

Relatives and friends may visit and pay their respects to Shirley and her family on Monday, July 17th, at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with funeral service following at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Dale Tolly officiating.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

For more information find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Previous Events

Service

JUL 17. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Shirley and that we weren't able to attend the wake and funeral service. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I remember growing up with Shirley, as our families were really close. We also dealt with Shirley when she worked for Edward Jones. Shirley was such a nice person, and we will definitely miss her.

Love to all, Perry and Mary Jo Major

Mary Major - July 24, 2017 at 10:06 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Josephine G White - July 17, 2017 at 07:47 PM

Leann Favero

“ The loss of this beautiful lady and friend is heart breaking! She always made me laugh and was such a joy to be around. I will miss spending Christmas Morning with her every year from now on! I am still in shock but I believe when a family or friend is called to heaven too soon there is a special reason or purpose that god needed them!! Love to Dave and Family! We are there for you if there is anything you need!!
Mark, Leann and Family



Leann Favero - July 17, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



July 17, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



July 16, 2017 at 11:48 PM



“ *Tony and Karen Kriz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



Tony and Karen Kriz - July 16, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 16, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ There was nothing Aunt Shirley loved more than her family and friends. She had a way of making everyone always feel special and cared for. I will miss her fun-loving energy and spirit and am so thankful to have known her. Sending all my love to the Dare/Cooper family.

Elsa Booras - July 15, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave and family on the loss of Shirley. I remember years ago when Shirley worked at The Braidwood Bank. She treated my Mom (Sadie) with dignity and respect, and for that I will be forever grateful to her. A beautiful woman through and through, and she will be sorely missed.



Phil and Joann Simmons - July 15, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



July 15, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



July 15, 2017 at 12:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.*



July 14, 2017 at 08:12 PM



“ *Always quick with a smile and a calming word of encouragement. You will be missed dearly Aunt Shirley. Love Joel, Kelly, Cohen and Donovan*

Joel mckee - July 14, 2017 at 07:15 PM

PJ

“ Pam & Dave Jahneke lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Cooper



Pam & Dave Jahneke - July 14, 2017 at 06:41 PM

CR

“ Carol Richmond lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Cooper



Carol Richmond - July 14, 2017 at 03:45 PM

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Josephine G White - July 14, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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Josephine G White - July 14, 2017 at 03:14 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss, Shirley was a wonderful person.
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Clover

Tom Clover - July 14, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the
family of Shirley A. Cooper.



July 14, 2017 at 10:23 AM

RP

“ *Donna. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Rob and Sharon Pickles*

Rob and Sharon Pickles - July 14, 2017 at 08:11 AM

MB

“ *Our deepest Sympathy to the family of Shirley Cooper You will be missed .*

MR and Mrs Merle Briggs Sr.



Merle and Eleanor Briggs - July 13, 2017 at 09:29 PM

EB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy in the loss of Shirley ,Our condolences to the family ,she will be missed ,Shirley was a great lady and really friendly, with everyone. Our hearts go out to all .. She is an angel in heaven watching down over her loved ones.*Rest in Peace Shirley God Bless.*



Eleanor Briggs - July 13, 2017 at 09:25 PM

VF

“ Vicki Bradberry and Bonnie Metzka and Family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.



Vicki Bradberry and Bonnie Metzka and Family. - July 13, 2017 at 08:15 PM

CP

“ I have known Shirley for several years through Edward Jones but I never knew George Dare was her brother. And, I've known him many years! My sympathies to everyone. She was a sweet lady.

Char Potts - July 13, 2017 at 05:04 PM

DS

“ Dean Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Cooper



Dean Shepherd - July 13, 2017 at 04:50 PM

SZ

“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She was a very genuine person, and cared about everyone she touched! My sincere condolences to the family!

Sharon Zapotocky

Sharon Zapotocky - July 13, 2017 at 04:48 PM

BH

“ Our sincere condolences in your loss of Shirley. We are in Georgeanne's high school graduating class and live in Coal City. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time.
Bob and Suzanne Hamilton

Bob & Suzanne Hamilton - July 13, 2017 at 03:40 PM

OM

“ Oran, Jo, Karen and Melissa purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Cooper.



Oran, Jo, Karen and Melissa - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 PM

SW

“ Shirley was a wonderful and caring Aunt to Tom and I. Dave and Dawn and family... so sorry for your loss

Sandy Welsh - July 12, 2017 at 11:21 PM

JC

“ Jimmy And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Cooper



Jimmy and Peggy Cole - July 12, 2017 at 06:13 PM

 Dena Lamb

She was a wonderful woman and will be missed by many. She used to takd me to The First Presbyterian Church when I was a child.

Dena Lamb - July 14, 2017 at 10:50 AM