

Charlotte M. Cooper
May 10, 1939 ~ August 3, 2019 (age 80)

Charlotte M. Cooper, 80, of Peoria, formerly of Washington, passed away at 1:38 pm Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Born May 10, 1939 in Creve Coeur, IL daughter of the late Stroud and Helen Calverd Bratcher. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Joe. She married Jack L. Cooper in Morton, IL on August 11, 1959. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kirk W. (Debbie) Cooper, and Brett S. (Beth) Cooper both of Hanna City, IL; five grandchildren, Derrich (Stephanie) Cooper, Kristen Cooper, Kaitlyn Cooper, Branden Cooper, and Benjamin Cooper; one brother, Terry (Carol) Bratcher of Northridge, CA; sister-in-law, Joann Bratcher of Mackinaw; and several nieces and nephews.



Charlotte was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria. She enjoyed a strong faith and was sure to provide a home environment of the same. Through her career she worked at Spiegel's Catalog, worked some time for an attorney, worked for Klaus Radio, graduated from Brown's Business College, started a career with May Kay Cosmetics achieving the position of Director, eventually leaving the work force.

After her husband Jack retired, they enjoyed traveling all over the country. They met many new friends over the first few years and finally decided to settle during the winter months at the "Tip O' Texas" RV resort. Charlotte loved meeting people and becoming involved with many activities at the resort. One such activity, "The Golden Olympics", a very competitive competition encompassing all resort parks in the entire valley. The "Tip O' Texas" RV resort had never won the coveted Valley Championship ever. Charlotte was approached to take over the position of Director for the "Golden Olympics" competition and accepted. She immediately started recruiting many former athletes of the park who did not care to participate. Charlotte just had a way of encouraging people to step away from their comfort zone. In her first year as Director of the "Golden Olympics" the "Tip O' Texas" won their first championship of the valley. Throughout her time as Director, the "Tip O' Texas" never lost a single Championship. They won every year until she relinquished the position ten plus years later. During her tenure as Director she had other resorts in the valley approach her, offering free rent at their resort if she would move and assume the position of Director, to which she would respectfully decline.

Jack and Charlotte enjoyed watching their grandchildren play sports. In the fall before Jack and Charlotte would travel south for the winter months, they would watch every football game their grandsons played. They also loved watching their granddaughters play softball. So much so, they would plan their return date from Texas in accordance with the softball spring schedule. Following in her own tradition, Charlotte would keep the score of every single game both girls participated. This would span from the girls young "Lassie League" days through their respective college softball days. Charlotte and Jack were married for 59 years falling 8 days short of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 pm Thursday, August 8, 2019 at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington. A funeral service will be at 11am Friday August 9th at Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria with additional visitation one hour before the service Friday from 10 to 11am at the church. Pastor Craig Swenson will officiate. Burial will be at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude.

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