



Wanda L. Cooper

April 8, 1938 - March 21, 2014

Wanda L. Cooper, 75, of Sligo, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2014, at the UPMC Northwest Hospital in Seneca.

Born on April 8, 1938 in Heber Springs, Arkansas; she was the daughter of George Weeks and Daisy Liles Rainwater.

She was married on October 15, 1955 to Milburn L. Cooper, and he survives. Wanda was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Alpha Assembly of God in Clarion. She was also a member of TOPS. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and game nights with her family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Roger Cooper and his wife, Vicki, of Strattanville, LaVieta Lerch and her husband, Otis, of Sligo, Lisa Deemer and her husband, Bob, of Strattanville, Greg Cooper and his wife, Pat, of New Bethlehem, and Jeff Cooper and his wife, Betsy, of Strattanville; fourteen grandchildren; and fourteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, Orville Rainwater, and a brother, George F. Weeks.

Family will receive friends from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Alpha Assembly of God, 499 Grand Avenue Ext, Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Alpha Assembly of God with Rev. David Selleck, Pastor Emeritus, officiating.

Interment will be held in the South Crossroads Cemetery in Heber Springs, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Alpha Assembly of God, 499 Grand Avenue Ext, Clarion PA 16214; or to Heart for Uganda, PO Box 125, Clarion PA 16214.

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Tribute Wall

“ I’m Michael, and I got to call Wanda: “Grandma”.

In my earliest memories of her, I remember her taking the time to read me stories, and I also remember the porcelain cookie jar with little squirrel on top, which reminded me that there was always something sweet to eat at Grandma’s house.

Visiting with Grandma was always fun, because she loved having her family around her. Many of us grandchildren remember staying up late talking, and playing cards, dominoes, or any other board that seemed fun at the time. Grandma played these kinds of games a lot, so she didn’t lose very often, but when she did, us grandchildren were exposed to such colorful phrases as “Kiss My Foot!” and “Oh, Fiddlesticks!”

This past thanksgiving, my work kept me from sharing in the usual thanksgiving meal with the rest of the family, but I drove down to Grandma’s after work to see if anyone was still around. The rest of the family had already gone home, but Grandma and Grandpa were still up, so we had a little chat about how life was going. Now I can’t remember everything that was said, but during that conversation I heard my grandma clearly articulate that she was still deeply rooted in her faith. We talked about the importance of the Bible and how it should have a special place in our hearts. I realized in that moment, that my Grandma was still just as committed to following Jesus as she had been before I was born.

Because someone told my Grandma about Jesus, she brought her children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. That legacy continued with me and as a result, I came to know Jesus at a very young age. I was raised in the church and I eventually felt God’s call on my life to pursue ministry. I can’t help but wonder how things would have been different without the spiritual foundation that was already laid, because of my Grandma.

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he

praises her:" (Proverbs 31:28) I can stand before you today, as her grandson, saying that she is indeed blessed.

Her legacy now extends over three generations. There are now among us today Great-Grandchildren of Wanda Cooper who stood up with us just a few minutes ago, and sang of God's amazing grace.

If I could capture the essence of our family in a single sentence, it would go something like this:

"We may be some of the most ornery, bull-headed, hare-brained people you'll ever meet, but if you're a Cooper, you know who Jesus is."

So in closing I just want to say, that if you are here today and you don't know who Jesus is, ask a Cooper.

Michael Cooper - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of Wanda always brings a smile to my face because when I think of her she always has a smile on hers. Wanda was a beautiful person inside and out. I will always think of her fondly and she will be greatly missed.

Karen Haugh - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We want you to know that you have our sincere sympathy and our prayers are with you and your family. We were not able to visit with you at the funeral home, but be in contact with you soon.

Blaine & Susan Taylor - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Dearest family ,I know that your days are filled with sadness because Wanda is such a precious part of your lives.Knowing she is with Our Heavenly Father and one day you will be reunited is a gift,as is the memories you all share.I pray they sustain you in the days to come, until the day that you walk into heaven,led by the hand of Jesus.I will miss you dear sweet Lady.

Donna - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ She's Home...what greater thing needs to be said. She has heard those wonderful words from the Master..."Well done good & faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord!"
One day soon those of us who have made that commitment to HIS cause will likewise here those precious words & once again be united with those we love who have gone before us & are now cheering us on as part of the 'Great cloud of witness's.

Allen & Marsha Meeker - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To all who loved Wanda Cooper,
While we did not know Mrs. Cooper personally, we certainly know Roger, Veda, Lisa, and Alissa, and their families---all of whom are passionate in following Jesus Christ. There is no greater gift to a mother than knowing that her children believe and follow Jesus, and you all exemplify that love and compassion for Him and others. May God grant you comfort and peace.

John and Margy Port - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“Dad, you and Mom have given me an everlasting relentless heavenly example of loving patience, tolerance, and sacrifice in a giving spirit of excellence. All the good in Mom continues in us, her children, and becomes bigger and bolder as we grow in those attributes that originally came from our Father in heaven. What God put in Mom, if you look, you can see a little in each of us. I am happy for where she is now and thank God for the time He gave her to us and for receiving her again. Jesus is coming soon and if we are ready we will see her again.

Lisa - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“My deepest sympathy goes out to Milburn and all the family! All who knew Wanda were truly blessed. She lives in my memories as a caring Christian friend and a fellow "TOPS Pal".

Pam Douglas - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM