



Kathy A. Cooper

August 19, 1957 - January 27, 2026

Kathy A. Cooper, 68, of Manito, passed away at her home at 10:05 p.m., on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. She was born August 19, 1957, in Pekin, Illinois, to Nelson and Pauline (Finley) Lawson. She married Peter Wade Cooper on September 3, 1976, at Spring Lake Missionary Church, near Manito. He preceded her in death on October 8, 2021.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by two children: Jeff Cooper, of Galesburg, Illinois, Tiffany (John) Burke, of Tuscumbia, Alabama; daughter-in-law, April Cooper, of Manito; one granddaughter, LexiAnn Cooper, of Manito; sister, Barbara Davis, of Manito; and brother, Dale Lawson, of Missouri. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Mrs. Cooper was a member of Spring Lake Missionary Church, near Manito, where she had played the piano and organ. She earned her Masters Degree in Psychology. She operated the Paducah Day Nursery for the United Way for several years. She later owned and operated child development centers in the Quad Cities, where children learned sign language.

Funeral services will be held at Spring Lake Missionary Church, on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Meadowlawn Cemetery, in Manito. Rev. Jamie Miller will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, in Manito, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Spring Lake Missionary Church
6779 Townline Rd
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 545-2337

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathy A. Cooper



Hurley Funeral Home - February 01 at 01:19 PM



“ We send our prayers and love to Kathy's family. Kathy was one of the sweetest people I knew and always lived her faith. Rest in Jesus arms.



Steve and Kim Schimmelfenning Singley - February 01 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy A. Cooper.



January 31 at 11:17 AM

CE

“ I am so sad to hear of Kathy's passing. Kathy was a great friend to me in Jr high and high school. She also played the piano at my wedding in 1973. She such a kind person and will definitely be missed by many. My condolences to her family and friends. 🙏❤️

Cheryl Emmons-Cockerham - January 29 at 09:08 PM

CE

“ Cheryl Emmons-]Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Kathy Cooper



Cheryl Emmons-]Cockerham - January 29 at 09:04 PM

JG

“ To all the family of Kathy, I was a long time childhood friend of Kathy's all through school. We spent a lot of time together at each other's houses. Kathy was fun and a wonderful friend! We lost touch during Pete's military career, but managed to reconnect when Pete retired and moved back to Manito. Kathy was the most talented musician I have ever known! I am always so thankful for such a good childhood friend that she was! Prayers for comfort for the family

Julie A Gale - January 29 at 09:03 PM

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“ Lisa, Monica, Marcia, Ron, Ken, Lori purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathy A. Cooper.



Lisa, Monica, Marcia, Ron, Ken, Lori - January 29 at 07:58 PM

AT

“ Amanda and Lacey Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy A. Cooper.

Amanda and Lacey Thompson - January 29 at 05:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathy A. Cooper.



January 29 at 05:31 PM