



## Lorene E. Cooper

May 23, 1927 - August 10, 2020

Lorene Niederhofer Cooper passed away peacefully on Monday August 10, 2020. She was born 93 years prior on May 23, 1927 in Huntsville, Texas and lived in Walker County her entire life. She was born the 9th of 10 children to John Henry and Maude (Ellisor) Niederhofer and was raised in the area known as Shepard Bottom. At the age of 18 she married a wonderful man named Duran Duke Cooper and they were married for 59 years before his passing in 2005. She worked for her brother, Althen for a few years in his business, Niederhofer Chemical and Feed. After having three children she went back to school and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics at Sam Houston State Teacher's College (now SHSU) around 1956. Initially, she worked in the Department of Food Services at SHSTC. Then she spent the remainder of her professional career as the Director of Food Services for Huntsville Independent School District from 1957-1983. While there, she was a positive influence on so many children. She loved people, but especially children and took a great interest in helping them as well as others. To this day, many recall stories of her taking them under her wing and changing the direction of their life

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her family was her life, and she was always there to lend a helping hand no matter who you were. She had a feisty, generous, outgoing spirit that she shared with everyone. She never met a stranger and would warmly and graciously welcome you into her

home anytime day or night. She and Duran shared the bounty of their garden with many and sold vegetables every spring to pay for their annual Colorado trip where they escaped the Texas summer heat.

She was country to the core and proud of it. She loved growing a large vegetable garden with Duran, and still maintained a small garden until just a few years before her death. She had quite the green thumb and loved arranging flowers. She and even made fresh flower arrangements every Sunday for church and special occasions during her many years as a member of Phelps Methodist Church. Later, she began going to Northside Baptist Church where she was active in Bible study and always lent her services to help with feeding families after funerals held at the church.

Lorene had a great love of life and nothing was ever too difficult for her. She was nothing, if not determined, whether it was raising children and grandchildren, mowing her acre-sized yard, or driving her and Duran to Colorado pulling a 20 foot travel trailer behind her truck. And no, she didn't need help backing it into the camping spot – which she was very proud of.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Maude Niederhofer, husband, Duran Cooper, siblings Karl Niederhofer, Archie Niederhofer, Mary Davis, Alice Rasbeary, Pauline Henderson, John Henry Niederhofer, Althen Niederhofer and Nora Niederhofer. She is survived by children John (Virginia) Cooper, Clarence (Ronda) Cooper and Suzanne Cooper Stuckey, grandchildren Jeana Stuckey Kelly, Kyle Stuckey (Jennifer), Julie Stuckey (Ryan) Miller and Clark (Aleta) Driver, great grandchildren Lindly Stuckey, Nathan Miller, Madison Miller and Alex Stuckey and a whole host nieces, nephews and other close family and friends who will miss her dearly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate in her memory to Alzheimer's Association or another charity of your own choosing. A visitation will be held on Friday August 14, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial

Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Graveside services will be held at Black Jack Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 10:00am. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Graveside Service

AUG **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

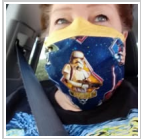
Black Jack Cemetery  
Black Jack Rd  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorene E. Cooper*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Our parents enjoyed each other so much. My deepest sympathy.  
Terry (Susie Kaiser) Williams*

**Terry Susan Williams** - October 05, 2020 at 04:37 AM



“ *Ginny, John, Clarence, Ronda and family, we are so sad at the passing of your mom. She was such a special lady & cousin. I remember that my dad would take me to her house growing up and I lived to go through their gardens!! My husband got to work with her for many years at HISD, and grew fond of her before he knew she was part of the Ellisor & Niederhofer family. She had such a long & fulfilled life and will be missed by all. Hugs and much love to my beloved family. God Bless...*



**Jamie Sue Brinegar** - August 18, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers!  
Joyce Mitchell McLaughlin*

**Cheryl McLaughlin Washington** - August 15, 2020 at 05:00 PM

CW

“ *Ms. Cooper was such a beautiful lady. She touched all of our lives. She will be missed.*  
*Cathy Hayman Warren*  
*HHS Class of 1977*

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**Cathy Hayman Warren** - August 14, 2020 at 08:48 AM

EA

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Edd and Terry Artherholt** - August 13, 2020 at 11:58 PM

PC

“ *Clarence and Family,*

*Huey and I are so sorry for your loss.*

*Your mom was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face!*

*I have so many fond memories of her and my mother, Betty Colley, working together at the High School Snack Bar.*

*Huey and Phyllis Campbell*



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**Phyllis Campbell** - August 13, 2020 at 07:19 PM

DH

“ John, Clarence and Suzanne, I have wonderful memories of your Mother. As I was reading the obituary, I could see her smile and laughter. She was an outstanding lady, I loved her, and you were blessed to be able to call her Mother.

Dorothy Cauthen Hammock - August 13, 2020 at 06:07 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. Such a sweet lady.

Debbie Grisham - August 13, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Lorene E. Cooper



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - August 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

MC

“ Everybody loved Lorene. Clarence and John, yall had a Mother to be proud of !!!!

Mark Chalker - August 12, 2020 at 10:36 PM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss.

Pat Sprott



Pat Sprott - August 12, 2020 at 09:39 PM

PF

“ Penny Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene E. Cooper



penny fowler - August 12, 2020 at 07:56 PM

Sandra Pitts

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Sandra Pitts - August 12, 2020 at 06:13 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Cooper was a precious woman! I don't ever remember seeing her that she didn't have a beautiful smile on her face. My mother in love worked for the Temple School District in the cafeteria business also. She & Mrs. Cooper loved to visit. Several of the cafeteria managers got to go to Hawaii once. They got to know each other even better during that trip. Bob's parents often asked about the Coopers when we went to Temple for a visit. Bob & I got to know Mr. & Mrs. Cooper through her son & daughter in love, Clarence & Ronda. Bob & Clarence took classes together at SHSU & roped together a lot. We were in business together on a few ventures too. We got to become close friends. Ronda taught PE to our children in school & was our daughter's coach. The Coopers are all a wonderful family & we love all of them. Praying for your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a beautiful angel. I bet she & my mother in love are already visiting in Heaven!



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - August 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene E. Cooper*



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**M. Hyvl** - August 12, 2020 at 04:08 PM