



Connie Irene "Gypsy" Cooper

April 11, 1949 - January 30, 2024

Connie Irene "Gypsy" (Maye) Cooper of Sale Creek, TN, went home to be with our Lord on January 30, 2024. Connie was married to the love of her life, Benjamin Jackson Cooper, for 55 years, 4 months, and 6 days. She drove special education buses for Hamilton County School District for 27 years. She loved music and dancing every Saturday night and sang in her church choir at Unity Baptist every Sunday. She loved her family and her friends so very much. Anyone who knew Connie usually knew her as "Gypsy" and knew she was a sweet, sassy woman who loved life and crossword puzzles.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Tillman and Jewell (Hope) Maye; her siblings, Easter, Maudie, and Dewey; and her grandchildren, Jewell and Paul Daniel.

Connie is survived by her husband, Jack Cooper of Sale Creek and her children, Tabitha (Clark) Daniel of Sale Creek, Timmy Cooper of Rougemont, NC, Shawn (Kim) Cooper of Evensville, and Clark (Sarah) Cooper of Sale Creek. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Caylee, Haylee, and Abbie Cooper, Ryan Cooper, Samantha (Adam) Van Roy, Elizabeth Burnette, Holly Daniel, Dewayne (Taylor) Daniel, Charley Daniel, and Trisha Roberts. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Jaycee, Jackson, Jameson, and Jemma Daniel, Hunter Van Roy, Axle Harvey, Maycee Daniel, Gracie Henshaw, Brooklyn Garren, Skyler Burnette, Shelby Sims, and Danny

Roberts. She is also survived by her siblings, Trina Foster, Hazel Poole, and Bobby Sutton.

Connie was laid to rest in the Patterson Cemetery in Sale Creek. There will be a Celebration of Life service in her honor at the Sale Creek Fire Hall on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m..

The family asks that you donate to Alzheimer's research, St. Jude Children's Hospital, or Shriners Hospital for Children.

The family would like to give special thanks to Gayla and all the hospice nurses that came and helped us care for Connie during her last years. We are grateful for your help and comfort.

We will miss you and love you always, Mamaw Connie. May your wings be as beautiful as your soul.

Please share your memories and photos of Connie on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shelia Britton sent a virtual gift in memory of Connie Irene "Gypsy" Cooper*



Shelia Britton - February 02, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SC

“ *Mother, you will be missed by many of people. You left a great impression on people. I hope you're enjoying your time up there in heaven, but everyone else sits up there that you've been wanting to see at least you're not having suffer anymore. You can just keep watching over us down here like everyone has been doing. Look forward to seeing you again someday love you mom Love you can't do no wrong angel child Shawn*

shawn cooper - February 02, 2024 at 12:01 AM

SB

Shawn, you are a special child.

Shelia Britton - February 02, 2024 at 08:27 PM

AB

“ *Just hearing of Ms Connie's passing. She was a hoot. Prayers for her family and friends.*



Angie Burchard - February 01, 2024 at 10:36 PM

LC

“ Shawn I was so sorry to hear about your mom but she is in a better place prayers for you and your family Linda Collier

Linda Collier - January 31, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CF

“ Carmella Fuller lit a candle in memory of Connie Irene "Gypsy" Cooper



Carmella Fuller - January 31, 2024 at 07:42 AM

SB

“ I'll never forget our days running the ridges and our sleep-overs when we talked all night. I know you will be singing the loudest in the Lord's Choir. Mayflower Church will hold those memories of us whispering in church and mother poking us in the back. Sleep well my dear cousin, you will live on in our hearts.



Shelia Britton - January 30, 2024 at 08:45 PM

KS

“ 33 years of friendship and being there for me in the worst time of my life and sharing her thoughts and memories with me. I would not trade the Cooper family for anything in this life. They are a blessing to all that have had them in their lives.

Kathy (hurricane) Souliere - January 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ There are so many memories I have of Connie. She would watch Jason and I when mom went back to work. I think mom was working at Red Food. I remember Jason getting on the school bus at Connie's then her and I would get in the short bus. We picked up the kids took them to school. After that we sometimes stopped at the little restaurant right beside Forget me not flowers. I have no idea what the shop is called now. I do not know if the restaurant is still even there. We would go and join her sister and some other bus drivers. When we were done went home and I went to sleep. Some to my mom waking me up to go home.

Our family has kepted in touch with her family all these years. I still remember her telling me about a story on my bus driver in high school. He nickname is Rabbit and he drove bus 60. Also found out my dad went to school with him. Anyways, she knew where Rabbits bidding places were. So like every morning she would check to see which one he was at. She could get on the CB and hit horn and barks like a hound dog to get him to wake up. I was laughing so hard. So after she told me the story the next time I road the bus I got on and asked if he heard any hound dogs this morning. He just smiled real big shaking his head and yes I did and I am gonna get Gypsy for it to.

When Connie was around she would whistle to get my attention or say crazy things to get my attention. She loved embracing me. When my husband started having seizures I would call Connie. I had the knowledge of taking care of seizure patients from prior job in AR. Connie took care of Shawn and fault so hard for him. I remember her telling how many seizures he would have, what the doctors were saying, as well as what they were going to try next. She told me so much. She also helped me when I was in a dark place and could read me like a book. When we moved to IL I had lost her number and Shawn called and I got the number from him. He fair warned me that Connie was upset with me. So I called and we talked. She had me put her phone number in like 5 places so I would remember where I put her number...it did not work I still lost

the number.

Shawn and I were just talking about her last night. I know I will see her again.

She was a wonderful, loving, and caring women. Would do anything for her kids and family. I am praying for you guys and love you guys.

Kathi Wiegmann - January 30, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *Thank you for always opening your home to everyone you met and being a light for all of us. You were a wonderful grandmother to not just to your own grandchildren but to anyone who came over to your house. We will love you and miss you every single day. So thankful that you are finally at peace* ❤️



Taylor Daniel - January 30, 2024 at 04:48 PM

GR

“ *Connie was my first cousin. We did things together when young. We spent nights with Granny Maye & getting into much mischief! Later when I married she became my matron of honor. She altered her wedding dress so I would have a wedding dress. First married we visited & done things together but like most families ppl move away, has jobs & time moves on. I know she will be missed greatly. Many Blessings to temaining family..,*

Georgena Maye Rigsby - January 30, 2024 at 04:46 PM

TD

“ To my beautiful mother you will be miss by so many you where my **BEST FRIEND** for many yrs [I guess always) I just didn't know it ! You thought me to stand up for what I thought even if others didn't and you loved me unconditionally when I didn't love myself ! I promise I will **TAKE CARE OF DADDY** just know I love and miss you already!!

Your baby girl
Buffy

tabitha daniel - January 30, 2024 at 04:04 PM

MM

Tab your mom loved everyone! Especially her kids and grandbabies. She was special to me in a million ways because she understood "life" and didn't judge. Love you, your siblings, Jack and grandkids. I'll never forget my sweet Connie.

Marilyn miller - January 30, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CF

Tab , I love yall Im here if yall need me just hollar . I love you and all yours. Sorry for your loss. 🥺👉👈🍷👉👈💜💜👉👈✝️

Carmella Fuller - January 31, 2024 at 07:46 AM