



Billy Jo Cooper

January 31, 2017

Billy Jo Cooper, 95, of Kankakee and formerly of St. Anne passed away January 31, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Her parents were George and Esther Waddell. Billy married Donald R. Cooper and they celebrated 65 wonderful years together. She was a graduate of Illinois State University and began teaching at Buckley High School. Billy later went on to be a business teacher at St. Anne Community High School and also at Kankakee Community College.

She was a member of the Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee Needleworkers Guild, The Quiltmakers of Kankakee, Women of the Moose, Kankakee County Retired Teachers, Tuesday Book Review, Highlands County Quilt Guild (Florida), the Illinois Retired Teachers Association and the Kankakee Elk's Lodge. Her passion was quilting and needle point. Billy enjoyed dancing with her husband and wintering in Sebring, FL. Facetime and Facebook conversations with her children and grandchildren at the age of 95 gave her great joy as well as being very fashion conscious.

Billy is survived by her daughter Lynn (Emil) Zadkovic of Mokena, IL, Beth Cooper (Darla Moldenhauer) of Bourbonnais, IL, Kaye (Russell) Cooper-Mead of Santa Fe, NM and Pat (Tom) Wright of Lakeville, MN. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren: Carlee and Brian Wright, Maria (Joe) Koszulinski and Nik Zadkovic; 2 great grandchildren: Cooper Wright-Palmer, Kylie Koszulinski and a sister Ann Stringer of Decatur, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents

and husband, Donald.

There will be a visitation Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The funeral service will begin at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel with Pastor Karl Koeppen officiating. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township, IL.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and The Quiltmakers of Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Jo Cooper*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *A very classy and sweet lady. Loved having her as my teacher. Sincere sympathy to all of her daughters. You were very blessed to have her as your mother.*

Caroline Chayer Boudreau

Caroline Boudreau - February 07, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was always so sweet and gracious. Billy will be missed by many. Sending hugs and condolences. Love you all.*

Tamie & Tony

Tamie Wright-Riffell - February 06, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *I really liked your mother. She will be missed*

Sam Therrien

Sam Therrien - February 04, 2017 at 04:57 PM

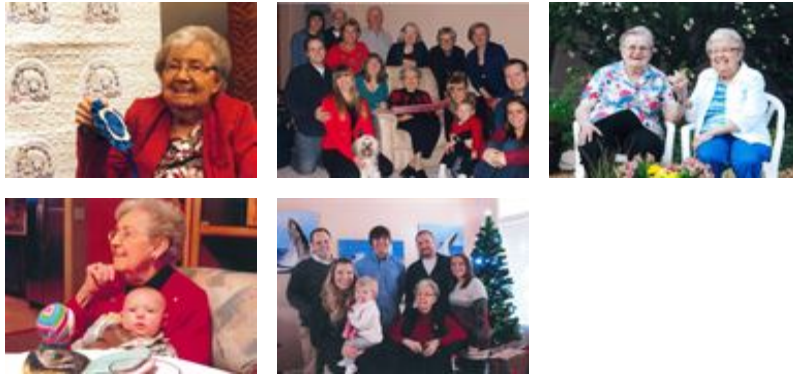
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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Although we did not know Billie well, we were fortunate to meet her when she visited her daughter and son in law in New Mexico. She was a lovely and gracious lady.

Beverly & Gano Evans - February 03, 2017 at 03:24 PM



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Schreffler Funeral Home - February 02, 2017 at 03:52 PM

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Thank you for these wonderful photos of the Cooper family!

sandy A - February 04, 2017 at 05:20 PM

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“ I've had the pleasure of being Billy's house cleaner for many years. I absolutely adore her, she was always so very sweet and classy. I will miss her beautiful smile and her beautiful soul. Heaven has an Angel !!
I love and Miss you Billy 💕💕💕



Cathy Zalac - February 01, 2017 at 06:19 PM

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“ *Gorgeous lady with a big smile! Heaven got an angel.
You will be missed by many!*



Brenda Elburn - February 01, 2017 at 04:57 PM