



Alberta Jean "Gina" Cooper

January 27, 1946 - June 26, 2020

Alberta Jean (Zuliani) Cooper, age 73, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020 in Lancaster, OH. She succumbed to cancers after having it 19 other times since she was a child. She was born on November 27, 1946 in Columbus, OH to the late Hilah Jean (Vess) and Albert Zuliani. Growing up, her family knew her as Doc, her classmates as ZuZu, her local community as Gina, and to many millennials she was known as Nana. To all, she was known as a servant of God. She traveled the world from a very young age & went to all of the continents except Antarctica. She began drag racing at age 13. She was 1st chair clarinet at Pickerington High School. Where she graduated in 1964. Educated at Vardell Hall in North Carolina, where she received her Master's Degree in Art History from OSU and was an Associate Art History & Associate Art Appreciation professor at OSU. Gina had jobs ranging from clothing buyer for Gold Circle, a Weeki Wachee Mermaid, performance artist, costume designer, freelance artist, and for 14 years was an UMC lay speaker. She served on Pleasantville and Walnut township elementary school PTAs. She was a Brownie Scout leader in Pleasantville OH. She volunteered with New Salem UMC & Millersport UMC with VBS, Habitat For Humanity, Fairfield County 4-H camp counselor, Foundation Dinners, Waters Edge, & Millersport Food Pantry. She was a 50-year card-carrying member of the Eastern Star, DAR, Jobs daughter, and of the Pleasantville, OH Garden Club. Her prized possession was her Miss Geranium award. In her last weeks she was planting flowers because she felt that flowers were for the living! On November 8th, 1975. She was married to her husband of 30 years, Ralph Lowman Cooper, whom passed away April 3, 2006. She was an only child and had many cousins. She is survived by her daughter, Ragina Annastacia "Staci" Cooper-Hoffmann (Paul T Hoffmann); Grandchildren, Crystal (Hoffmann) Kalak of Dayton OH, Rachael (Hoffmann) Wolfe of Dayton OH, Aaron Hoffmann of Dayton OH, Marisa Cook of Groveport OH, Grace Henley of Palm Coast, Florida, Samuel Hoffmann of Revenge, OH; and 12 great grandchildren. A memorial gathering will be held Friday, July 3, 2020 at the O.R. Woodyard Co. Funeral Home, 1346 S. High St. In Columbus, OH, from 5 p.m. until time of memorial service at 7 p.m. Pastor Jim Condrey officiating.

A webcast of her Memorial Service will be available via Zoom Meetings through the O.R. Woodyard Co. website.

Her grandson, Samuel Hoffmann, Life Scout of Troop 52 from Circleville, OH is providing a Scouting for Food donation box at the O.R. Woodyard Co. Funeral Home During her memorial. For many years she loved cooking & serving food for Foundation Dinners, Waters Edge and at the Millersport Food Pantry. Because this was her passion and mission in this life, we will be honoring her legacy by humbly requesting nonperishable food items or financial gifts to food related charity be given instead of flowers.

Events

JUL Memorial Gathering 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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O. R. Woodyard South Chapel
1346 S. High St., Columbus, OH, US, 43207

JUL Memorial Service 07:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



The O. R. Woodyard Funeral Home - July 03 at 02:21 PM



“ I met Gina during a photo session during the summer. She was such a doll to work with. She gave off so much joy and life well lived. She shared with me,a moment in her life that I was honored to take part in. Bringing some items with her to the session, she was happy to share them with me, their history, etc. I loved chatting with her that day. Her light and love will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time

Sam - July 08 at 10:49 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.

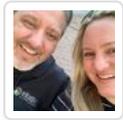


The O. R. Woodyard Funeral Home - July 02 at 03:06 PM



“ She will be missed

Reba Ackison - July 03 at 09:23 AM



“ I met Gina when I was a volunteer for hospice. She was the sole caregiver for her friend, Rita, and she brought Rita to Myrtle Beach to live out her last days with an ocean view. Since that time over 7 years ago, Gina and I have stayed friends, and each time she would come to The Polynesian as a snowbird for the winter months, we would get together for her wonderful parties-- Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, Christmas-- Gina was a wonderful cook and an even better entertainer. I will always remember her as totally full of life, as she lived life to the fullest every minute! My thoughts and prayers are with Staci, Grace, and Sam.

Jacquie - July 03 at 09:54 AM



“ Ms. Gina was one of the sweetest, loving, and giving soul I've ever met. I met her 2 yrs ago as she and her family were one of our snowbirds at Polynesian and Viking. She will be greatly missed that's for sure. We love you guys thoughts and prayers to Staci, and Sammy.

Courtney Boulware - July 03 at 12:36 PM



“ I met Alberta Jean back in the 1970's as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z were my youth fellowship leaders. Alberta Jean was a beautiful person, a kind, caring, compassionate human being. Her strong faith in the Lord saw her through tough times with her health . She dearly loved her family and friends. I kept in contact with her over the years and I am deeply saddened over her passing but I am blessed to have known her. Think of her and smile, she's watching over us. Lifting you up in prayer.

Truly,
Kellie Hinerman Rutter



Kellie Rutter - October 01 at 03:52 PM



“ Although I didn't know Gina, I know her very sweet and loving grandson, Sam and his family. My thoughts and prayers go out to The Hoffmans and everyone else who cherishes their memories with Nana Cooper~ With Love From, Angela

Angela - July 06 at 10:52 AM



“ Gina was a dear friend of ours and we will miss her more than words can say. She was a true friend and a sister in Christ. She is home free and sitting at the feet of Jesus. I look forward to the day when we will meet again. Our thoughts and prayers for Staci and the family. We love you.

Larry & Liz Sanders - July 05 at 08:13 PM



“ Gina you will be missed! Solid Rock enjoyed when you were at our church and came to Solid Rockers! Such a sweet and loving lady. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love and hugs. Tricia Ross

Tricia Ross - July 03 at 08:21 PM

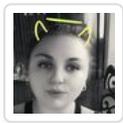


“ We met the lovely and vivacious Gina on a Carnival cruise. It was so good to see the devotion that she had for her daughter Staci. We had a good time with them and later met the family including Sam when they passed through our town. Gina gave me some nice gifts and I will treasure the painted shell that she gave me. Godspeed, Good Lady.

Anne and Cliff



Anne M Carberry - July 03 at 02:54 PM



“ My name is Grace. Alberta or as i called her Nana was an amazing person. She will forever be in all our hearts. There are a million great good and amazing memories. But personally all my best memories will always be forever between her and I. I loved and will love Alberta where she will forever be in my heart and on my mind. My family is. amazing for doing everything they could for her when she needed them most.

Grace - July 03 at 07:24 PM



“ So many great memories of my Aunt Gina, she would invite me, my brother and sister out to the farm every summer when we were kids, She always had several activities planned for us kids whether it was going to a 4H event, picking wild berries off the side of the road somewhere, scavenger hunts or just spending time on the farm, We looked forward to it every year I will miss my Aunt Gina, love you.

Brian Hooper - July 03 at 01:04 PM



“ I met Gina many years ago in Myrtle Beach, SC when my former dog, Lilly, smelled Gina's cooking and proceeded to put the door open and go in to see if anyone would share! Gina became one of my best friends and I will miss her dearly. Elaine Powers

Elaine S. Powers - July 03 at 11:21 AM



“ Alberta was a person that never met a stranger.If anyone needed help and etc Alberta took me to see The Beach Boys Two times. The last two days and nights I spent with Alberta we talked about the Good Day we had together through the years. She taught me more things that i didn't know about. “The Sand Dollar” that I had no idea what it was and she tried to explain but I still am not sure. Alberta you are now and always will be my friend. I could go on and on but until we meet again Rest In Peace Lord knows you fought the battle for years and won every time but this time it was different. One . I Love You and I wil never never forget u. You are in my heart now and forever. Till we meet again .XOXOXO coming your way

Reba Ackison - July 03 at 11:09 AM



“ Will always remember her smile, her dedication to her family, and especially her love of her husband. She was someone who even though you knew her for a short amount of time, you wished that you had known her a lot longer and had the opportunity to ask about her life experiences. She was loved by her friends and family.....If only we all could leave behind a legacy such as hers.....

Skip Nelson - July 03 at 10:22 AM



“ I grew up knowing you as Aunt Gina. You were a light in a dark room and remember every time Grandma would say Aunt Gina is coming over we'd all light up. You were always full of life and even at the height of negatives you somehow always stayed positive. We will miss you dearly! Rest peacefully.



Marya Danaher - July 03 at 09:45 AM



“ I got to know you when Staci was in Girl Scouts and Mom was the leader. The mischief you and Mom got into and got us girls into was fun and at times hard work when you to got on a canning wave. I don't think Staci, Lisa and I will forget the Apple canning. We were burnt a few time and I think sick of apples I don't think I ate much apples after that. You and Ralph were second parents to all of us. Say Hi to Mom and Daddy Ralph give them a big hug and kiss for me. Until we see each other again fly high Gina. Love you Kelly

Kelly Brown - July 03 at 09:44 AM



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Dawn Henfield

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A few years ago we met sitting at a dinning room table on a carnival cruise ship. It was then that I knew you was one of a kind, we connected so quickly. You had such a lovely and warm smile. Your laughter brought life to the party. Gina I will surely miss hearing your sweet laughter and voice. Not being able to visit, going on cruises, or you even visiting the Bahamas with your family is one that I will certainly miss. My sister from another mother that we seldom refer to ourselves at times it is with great sorrow that I say goodbye sleep on and take your eternal rest. Staci, Grace and Sam your nana was a true and dear encouragement to me and I pray that yall continue with the legacy of family traditions and the love she has shown to yall throughout her years. May the peace and comfort of God abide with yall through this difficult time. R.I.P GINA. I love you but Jesus loves you best.

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Dawn Henfield - July 01 at 05:16 PM



“ Hi nanna I sent you a message on Facebook for you to read from heaven. I never got to tell you that I named Maeleahs middle name after you and my other grandma (Jean) Love you and will miss you.

Love Marisa and the kids

marisa - July 01 at 05:02 PM



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Linda Masone - July 01 at 04:29 PM



“ Michelle Pappas-Qullinan lit a candle in memory of Alberta Jean "Gina" Cooper



Michelle Pappas-Qullinan - July 01 at 04:13 PM



“ Gina you were always so supportive and helpful with scouts! You will be remembered, rest and be at peace!

Shawn M. Steinschreiber - July 01 at 04:06 PM



“ Our relationship started as kids when she was a neighbor and a classmate at Pickerington. Too many memories to chose only one. She has remained all these years a colorful, energetic people person who lived life with zest. She gave 100% to her causes and what she believed. Loving and kind she did for others, whether cooking or flowers or personal care. One of a kind, hard to forget, I will always remember "ZuZu", "Gina", "Alberta Jean".

Raymond Feters - July 01 at 02:39 PM