



Betty Ogilvie Cooper

May 24, 2018

Betty Ogilvie Cooper, 82, of Lancaster, PA, died Thursday, May 24, 2018 after a lengthy illness at the Willow Valley Retirement Community. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, she was the daughter of the late William and Louise Ferguson Ogilvie. She was the wife of VADM Daniel L. Cooper for 60 years.

Betty grew up in East Liverpool, Ohio and graduated from Muskingum College. Throughout her long and very productive life, she could be best described as a servant leader. A devout Christian woman, she served the Lord in every aspect of her life. As the wife of a career Naval Officer, she was committed to supporting the wives of the men who served with Dan in the submarine force and fund raising for those in the submarine community most in need. She was a leader in many of the churches and community organizations to which she belonged, to include serving as co-leader of the Stephen's Ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in Reading PA. She selflessly spent time with her grandchildren, hosting them at "Camp Ooma" and at her favorite vacation spot in Capon Springs WV. She was a model wife, mother, grandmother and Christian woman, and she touched the lives of so many people, spreading the love of Christ by her personal example. She was member of Harvest Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters: Amy, wife of CAPT (ret.) Jeff Hughes, Saratoga Springs, NY and Cynthia, wife of CAPT

(ret.) Don Rose, Spanish Fort, AL, six grandchildren: Sarah Shuey (Douglas), LT Stephen Hughes (Charlotte), ENS Kathryn Hughes, Andrew Rose, ENS Daniel Rose, and Midshipman Christopher Rose, and one brother, Dr. Daniel M. Ogilvie (Renee), Piscataway, NJ.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Betty's Memorial Service at Harvest Presbyterian Church, 517 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend William Massey officiating. Reception to follow the service. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at US Naval Academy Cemetery, Annapolis, MD at a later date.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Betty's Graveside Service on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery, Annapolis, MD. The cemetery is located off Highway 450, onto Bowyer Road, enter into gate #8.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Betty's memory may be made to Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, 4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Harvest Presbyterian Church, 517 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602; and Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Presbyterian Church
517 Beaver Valley Pike
Lancaster, PA

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Presbyterian Church
517 Beaver Valley Pike
Lancaster, PA

Graveside Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery, Annapolis, MD
Annapolis, MD. The cemetery is located off Highway 450, onto Bowyer Road, enter into gate #8.
Annapolis, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ogilvie Cooper*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *We were deeply saddened to learn of Betty's passing listed in the Reading Eagle. We served with Betty and Dan for a number of years at First Presbyterian Church in Reading. Betty was such a lovely lady, always kind and so gracious. It was such a privilege to know and work with her in Stephen Ministry. We share in your sorrow. Sincerely,
Debi and Gary Valinoto
Fleetwood, PA*

Debi and Gary Valinoto - July 01, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *Admiral Dan, We are saddened to hear of the passing of such a great Lady. Our thoughts are with you and your wonderful family.
Jim and Mary Jane Metzger*

VADM and MRS Jim Metzger - June 16, 2018 at 03:21 PM

JE

“ Dear Dan and Family,

Jerry and I were saddened to hear about Betty's passing. We have many fond memories of the time we spent together. She was a tireless advocate for our submarine families. She was the best mentor one could have. She was kind, gracious, always ready to help and always willing to laugh. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your beautiful daughters and their families.

Jerry and Rosemary Ellis

Jerry and Rosemary Ellis - June 07, 2018 at 12:50 PM

KG

“ Dear Admiral Cooper and Family

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Miss Betty. I have such fond memories of her; she was always so kind and so gracious to all of us on your staff. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Kim Graves

Kim Graves - June 06, 2018 at 10:48 AM

WR

“ Dan and family-

Sharon and I are very sorry for your loss. Betty was a wonderful person who worked tirelessly for those of us in the submarine force. You and your family continue in our prayers.

Wayne and Sharon Rickman

Wayne Rickman - June 02, 2018 at 02:59 PM

SS

“ Betty was an amazing woman. She loved the Lord and was a role model to those who knew her. We have many fond memories of her from our days at First Presbyterian Church in Reading. We are praying for Dan and the whole family. May the Lord give you comfort and peace at this difficult time.
With Sincere Sympathy,
Sally and Ron Saggio

Sally Saggio - May 31, 2018 at 03:05 PM

BS

“ Dan and Family,

Our prayers are with you on the passing on of Betty. Se was such a wonderful lady! We have many great memories of her at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke, VA. We know she's in a better place now!

Bill nd Barbara Surles
Annandale, VA

Bill Surles - May 30, 2018 at 03:24 PM

DG

“ Dan and family: Earline and I are saddened by the passing of Betty. She was a kind and thoughtful person who never had a mean word to say of anyone. We admired her continuing support for those who serve in the submarine service. We regret we could not attend the memorial service but know that we are there in spirit. We have added you all to our prayer list. You can rest assured that the good Lord will watch over Betty as He welcomes her into His Kingdom.

David & Earline Goebel - May 30, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *Admiral Cooper and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. We never had the opportunity to meet your wife, but it is obvious that she was cherished by you and so many others. May your memories and love for her bring you peace during this difficult time.

*Sincerely yours,
Pritz and Dawn Navaratnasingam*

Dawn Navaratnasingam - May 29, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ *Dear Dan and family,*

It is with sadness that we learned about Betty's passing. We enjoyed knowing both of you at St. Stephen's UMC for many years. May God give you His peace and comfort as you mourn her passing.

*Much love in Christ,
Jeanette and Ed Parham jparham713@aol.com 703-323-5990
Fairfax, VA*

Jeanette and Ed Parham - May 29, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Betty. She was such a lovely and classy lady. Always had a smile. Look forward to seeing her again in eternity! Blessings and prayers for her family and Dan especially!
Laurie and Alex Merwin (Formally of Reading and First Presbyterian Church)*

Laurie Merwin - May 29, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *John and Nonie Bird* purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



John and Nonie Bird - May 29, 2018 at 09:49 AM

NB

“ We are so sorry to lose our sweet Betty. Always, Betty was a lovely person. She was generous with her heart and her time. Her beloved family came first. She cherished each one of her dear ones and followed their progress and successes with pride. Betty’s friends were also blessed by her kind and giving nature. Being with her was always fun; she was a keen listener and a great conversationalist. What we loved most was her sense of humor! Betty could giggle and laugh with the best of them, able to see the wit and fun in everything. Dan took full advantage of her sense of humor, always poking fun at her, knowing Betty couldn’t resist a little teasing or a good joke, especially from Dan, to whom she was totally devoted. As a Navy spouse, Betty was the gold standard! Always humble, Betty unwittingly served as an exemplary role model for others. She was a genuinely gracious lady, without being stuffy or pretentious. Everyone felt comfortable and respected in her presence. Each of Betty’s actions and relationships and decisions were grounded in goodness and gentleness and reality. She was a joy to be with, even in the quietness of her last few years. We are honored and blessed to have called Betty our friend!
We’ll miss her terribly.
John and Nonie Bird

Nonie Bird - May 29, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 28, 2018 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ *Stan and Theresa Sinclair purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.*



Stan and Theresa Sinclair - May 28, 2018 at 11:56 AM

JT

“ *Joan, Steve, Dee, George, Alison, Dave, Drew, Tamar purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.*



Joan, Steve, Dee, George, Alison, Dave, Drew, Tamar - May 27, 2018 at 04:31 PM

KO

“ *Betty was a wonderful lady and high school friend. We were in the high school play together. My deepest sympathy. Ken OHara*

Ken OHara - May 27, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.*



May 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

FT

“ On behalf of the Reading Base, US Submarine Veterans, I express our heartfelt condolences and pray God will grant you strength and comfort you during this difficult time. Floyd Turner, Chaplain, Reading Base

Floyd Turner - May 27, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 26, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 26, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 25, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Ogilvie Cooper.



May 25, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of Betty's passing and we are thinking of Dan and the family at this difficult time. We have some wonderful memories of our times together and appreciate all the generosity and friendship you have shown us through the years....you have been true friends. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Our love to all, Sylvia & "Buddy" Smith, Charleston, SC

Sylvia & "Buddy" Smith - May 25, 2018 at 07:10 PM



You and Betty shared a lovely life together. Your children and grandchildren stand as testimony. She left wonderful memories.

Pat and Beverly Cooper - May 26, 2018 at 04:31 AM



My condolences to Admiral Cooper and family. I remember mrs. cooper as a lovely and gracious lady going back to the mid 60s when i served on the USS Haddo as a young petty officer under the admiral. Lt. (Ret) Chuck Schneider

Chuck Schneider Sr. - May 27, 2018 at 10:13 AM

RM

*My deepest sympathy to the Cooper Family, most especially her husband VAR Dan Cooper.
Betty will always be loved and admired by her many friends from East Liverpool and all over the country. Her family, the Ogilvies, helped make East Liverpool a thriving community at one time . She was always gracious and kind to everyone. May God give you peace at this difficult time.
Rosemary Mackall*

rosemary thomas mackall - May 27, 2018 at 05:22 PM

AA

Betty Jane, the "O" in OSWALT, will be forever remembered as the linchpin in that group of good friends from East Liverpool High School. Please know, Dan, that my prayers are with you and your family and I send my thanks as well to each of you for your service to our country, especially on this Memorial Day. Ann Stover Azdell

Ann Stover Azdell - May 28, 2018 at 01:59 PM

CR

*Dan,
Ben and I remember how wonderful it was to know you and Betty while you lived in the Reading area. We have missed you both since your move to Willow Valley. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the loss of Betty.
Sincerely,
Ben White & Carol Robinson*

Carol Robinson - May 28, 2018 at 09:59 PM