

Joan Ruth Cooper

June 24, 1932 - August 26, 2025

Joan Ruth Cooper, 93, of Jasper, Indiana, died on August 26, 2025. Born on June 24, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, Joan was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and caring friend.

Joan is survived by her son John Cooper (Jennifer) of Atlanta, Georgia (granddaughters, Emily Hale (Connor), Mimi Cooper, and Janie Cooper), her daughter Elisabeth Luff (Mark) of Velpen, Indiana (granddaughters, Catherine Brower (Greg), Marie Bland (Ivan), Lauren Baker (Nicholas), and Rebekah Luff, and great-grandchildren Garrett and Isabelle Brower and Marcus Baker. She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-six years Donald T. Cooper and daughter Anne Marie Cooper of Evansville.

Joan graduated from the University of Detroit in 1954 with a degree in English. Following her education, she taught grade school (2nd grade) before devoting her life to her children and multiple volunteer activities.

Joan was fundamental in establishing Pregnancy Aid of Detroit which has offered peri-natal and newborn assistance for over fifty years. She was active in Right to Life.

Additionally, Joan was a coordinator for WNIN's Radio Reading Service which provided on air reading of newspapers and magazines through special radio

receivers.

Joan enjoyed playing bridge, crossword puzzles, cooking, sewing, painting, photography, helping others, and the company of her family, friends, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A long-time parishioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Joan found solace and community in her strong Catholic faith and was a recipient of the Brute Award in recognition of her commitment to living a life of Christian stewardship.

A viewing is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM CST at Pierre Funeral Home, located at 2601 W Franklin St, Evansville. A funeral mass will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Saturday, September 6, at 10:00 AM CST, Rev. Luke Hassler officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her daughter and husband.

In lieu of flowers, please donate on Joan's behalf to Corpus Christi Catholic Church or St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
5528 Hogue Road
Evansville, IN

Burial

SEP 6 (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ *Joan leaves behind a legacy of courage and love that has touched the lives of more than 36,000 mothers and their babies. She was the heart behind Pregnancy Aid Detroit, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary—a mission she began. We were honored to have her with us at our 40th celebration. May she rest in eternal peace.* ”



Nancy Anter - September 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM

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“ *Lora purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Ruth Cooper.* ”



Lora - September 05, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Ruth Cooper.* ”

September 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Ruth Cooper.*



September 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Elisabeth, Mark, and family, I'm so sorry to read of your mom's passing. It isn't easy to lose someone you love. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Crystal Nalley Dillingham - September 03, 2025 at 12:31 AM



“ *Julie Aubin Henriksen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Ruth Cooper.*

Julie Aubin Henriksen - August 31, 2025 at 07:24 PM



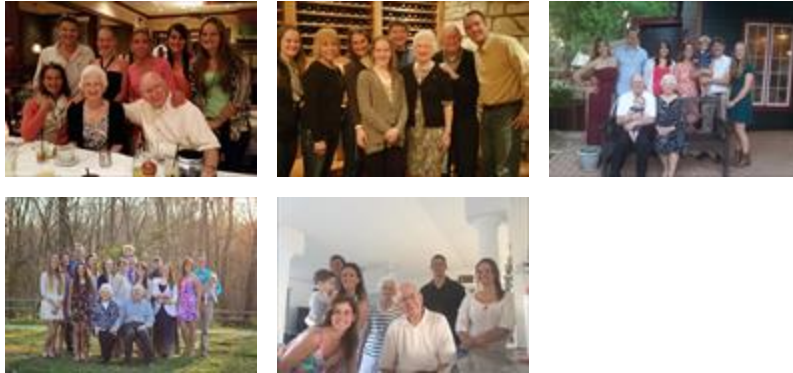
“ *Julie Aubin Henriksen purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joan Ruth Cooper.*



Julie Aubin Henriksen - August 31, 2025 at 07:24 PM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



elisabeth - August 29, 2025 at 06:25 AM

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*Very very sweet and thoughtful lady
She knew my mother Mary Jo
Bender .. I grew up in Evansville and went to Corpus Christi church
lived on Westside ,prayers and you have my sympathy may she rest in
peace with God 🙏*

Cindy (Bender) Hemmerlein - August 30, 2025 at 06:38 AM

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Very Beautiful person inside and out

Cindy (Bender) Hemmerlein - August 30, 2025 at 06:39 AM

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*May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this
challenging time. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I have
of your mother; especially dancing with her. Praying for you and your
families.
Lots of love to you all*

Allison Aubin - August 31, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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We met Joan and Don back in 1973 at the pregnancy aid building. That is where I had my first pregnancy test. Joan and Don had us over to their house to give us the results and to toast us with champagne. That was the beginning of a 53 year friendship! It's hard to believe that we will not see them again- Until we meet again in heaven, of course! And I can assure you, Joan is there. I've never met a more prayerful, loving person in my life. Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine up upon her, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. amen

Martha Lohrstorfer - September 01, 2025 at 10:34 AM