



Margie Elaine (Burton) Cooley

May 21, 2015

Cooley, Margie Elaine Burton, 71, died Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Hospuras of Louisville, after a long battle with cancer. She was a native of Adair County, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elza and Leona Burton; a brother, Vaughn Burton; and a beloved nephew, Doug; both of Columbia, KY and a sister, Marcella McQueary, of Louisville, KY. She graduated from Adair County High School in 1961, Lindsey Wilson College in 1963, and Campbellsville College in 1965. She attended Catherine Spalding College and received her Master of Education degree from the University of Louisville in 1970. Elaine taught school for over 29 years at L Max Sanders Elementary School in Pleasure Ridge Park. During her career she distinguished herself as a teacher by being awarded the Certificate of Life Membership by the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers, in 1984, and was recognized by Who's Who among Americas Teachers in 1990. She was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor John Y Brown Jr. in 1990 and presented The Good Neighbor Award by Mayor Jerry Abramson in 1995. She was acquainted with, and greatly admired, Kentucky author, the late Janice Holt Giles. She was a charter member of and supporter of The Giles Society and presented many books to Jefferson County High School students in her honor in years past. She became a dear friend of Janice's daughter, Libby Hancock of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and corresponded with her on a regular basis through the years. She was a member of Lifebridge Christian Church. Until her health prevented her from attending, she would greet everyone from

her pew in the welcome center before entering the sanctuary. Her life was greatly enriched by her church family. Brother Dave Cordery and his wife Connie, held a special place in her heart. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charles Michael Cooley; a sister-in-law, Kay Burton; and a host of family and friends. With the help of her husband, Mike, and a special niece, Sonya Haydon; she was able to remain at home until late March of this year when she began being rotated between hospital and Signature Healthcare South of Louisville. She entered Hospirus of Louisville on May 8, 2015, where she remained until her passing. Sonya, along with her husband Kurt; children Kailey and Logan were a big part of her life and brought her much joy through the years. Far too many healthcare providers cared for her during her long illness to thank them all here, however, special gratitude goes to her Oncologist, of over ten years, Alfonso Cervera, MD, of Norton Cancer Institute, where she received her treatment for the last few years. Special thanks to all who offered up prayers, visited, wrote cards and letters, communicated with her on the phone and by Email, and brought food during her long illness. Her legacy will live on for generations to come through her students, family members, friends and anyone lucky enough to know her. Arrangements are with Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway. Funeral service is Wednesday 1:00 PM at the Owen Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens, West. Visitation will be Tuesday 1:00PM to 8:00 PM. Expression of sympathy may be made to Lifebridge Christian Church, P.O. Box 91914, Louisville, KY 40291.

Tribute Wall

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“ A beautiful lady whom I have knownd for over 50 years. Rest in peace Elaine.

Rodney Thompson - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ Elaine was a breath of fresh air and a joy to know. I've often heard " Elaine" stories from my sister-in-law, Shirley Hall who loved her dearly, & they were full of laughter & fun. So, I've been a long-distance friend for many years & sent up prayers for them both.

Ann Hall - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ I love you

Kurt - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ Lots of fond memories of Tootie.

Arlene Irvin McAllister - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ She was our neighbor for many years loved her dearly you are in our prayer,s know you will miss her very much such a sweet person. God bless each one.

Gearoldene Brock - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ Mike and Sonya just wanted say how sorry I was to hear of tutti' passing. I know she had a hard fight with this cancer and was brave thru it all with your help. She was such a special person and had an aura of light always around her that I saw as a young child. I feel very honored to have had her in my life and will cherish my memories of her and my time forever. I know she will be missed by so many especially you and Sonya. Take solace from each other knowing much she loved you both. I will have you in my thoughts and heart.

Debbie sinclair - June 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM