

EILEEN (COOPER) RUPPEN



Eileen (Cooper) Ruppen passed peacefully at home on Saturday, September 9, 2023, the same home that she filled with love, compassion, and understanding. She was a wonderful example of how to care for others for her five children and ten grandchildren. She was born July 25, 1932, and grew up in Sheraden. She had a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother, which was nurtured when she attended Elizabeth Seton High School,

where she was known as Clem to her classmates.

The Eileen/Clem/Mother/ Nannie that we all loved and adored was always ready to lend an ear, share advice, help you on your path and cheer you every step of the way. All of life's problems could be solved around the kitchen table with a cup of tea and some dessert. There was often the smell of baking coming from her kitchen, ladyfingers, or fudge nut pies ready to be delivered to an elderly neighbor or someone in need. Eileen loved ice skating, met her husband, Ronald, on the ice, and taught all of her children and grandchildren how to take a spin or a tumble. She liked fall colors, winter snows, and the lilies of the valley in spring.

Eileen celebrated her Irish heritage with trips to Ireland, visiting Kildare where her grandmother was born, but always loved Dublin town best. She had a spirit of adventure, ready for a day trip to the mountains or a weekend getaway to Chautauqua or Lake Placid. Eileen was proud of her grandchildren as they grew into wonderful young adults, enjoying their stories of careers and adventures. She made all of us and the world around her better. Through her words, actions, and thoughts, she taught her family and friends how to love.

Her memory lives on through her husband of 68 years, Ronald; their children, Ronald and his wife Renee, Deborah and Larry, Patrick, Christopher and his wife Kelly, and Jettie and her husband Douglas; grandchildren, Daniel, Aimee, Amanda, John, Brendan, Keenan, Conor and his wife Carrie, Christopher, Casey, Callie. Eileen is preceded in death by her parents, Athos A. and Dorothy (Deere) Cooper; and two brothers, Donald and George Cooper.

Family and friends are welcome on Wednesday from 2-7 p.m. at **BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray (724-941-3211). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Resurrection Parish, St. John Capistran Church on Thursday at 11 a.m. Entombment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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