



Helen Cooper

November 4, 2013

Helen Cooper, age 90, of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully at home on November 4, 2013. Loving wife of Russell Cooper. Proud mother of the late J. Ernest Bonnie Cooper, Thomas Penny Cooper and David Cooper. Dear grandmother of Matthew Tracy Cooper, Emily George McNabb, Jordan Stephanie Cooper, and Nathan Cooper. Helen is survived by several great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Helen was born in Carnwath, Scotland to John and Mary Aitken. Her family, including brother, Ian, moved to Canada in April of 1925. In September two years later, they arrived in the United States. True to her Scottish heritage, Helen was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Scottish Clans from 1947-1975. She served 8 one-year terms as President. Helen and Russ married on June 16, 1945, celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary this year. They enjoyed a remarkable devotion to each other. Together they traveled the world with the travel group, Nomads. They visited 49 countries and all 50 states. An avid bowler for 35 years, she and Russ enjoyed this activity together and, one year, they had the same average. They both volunteered at Beaumont Hospital. Russ is a Mason and Helen served as an officer in the Eastern Star. To the last day of her life, Helen and Russ were devoted members of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Members since 1963, they attended Presbys meetings together. Helen served as an installed Deacon and belonged to several circles. She served 8 two-year terms as Chairman. She was active in the Women's Association and sang in the ladies church choir,

"The Grace Notes" for five years. Visitation will be held Sunday, November 10th from 3-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd., in Royal Oak. Funeral services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on Monday, November 11th at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with visitation at 10 a.m. in the parlor. A luncheon reception will follow the service. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

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“ I guess I lost my memory I shared about my Aunt Helen. I wanted to say goodbye since I didn't here of her passing till a few years later. Our family were friends when we were children in the 40's. They were always Aunt Helen and Uncle Russ to us. My sister and I did get to visit them in the early 2000's and got pictures of us. I tried to post them but that is where I lost the message. My father worked with Uncle Russ in the early 40's designing an aircraft which I got to see photos and models of. We had Sunday dinner with them and played with their boys Tommy, Ernie and David. There were 3 of us girls. They were incredible people. They were kind, generous and loving. I still have a scarf that they gave me for x-mas one year. I guess my dreams of them were our visit together. Aunt Helen's hair was beautiful red. We laughed and had a good dream visit. I love you Aunt Helen and will see you again. Karen

Karen Marterstich (McCloskey) - April 28, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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“ Dear Russ, Ian, and the Cooper family, I'm so sorry to hear about Helen's passing. I have been laid up for the pass year an a half and had surgery 6 weeks ago. This is my first time up in my wheelchair, otherwise we would have come to the funeral. I will miss her, and I know that she thought so much of my Dad David Kay which makes me feel good. No one called me, AI seen it in the paper. Hope to be in touch with you soon. Love, Sandra Kay & Al Pennanen

Sandra Kay Pennanen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM