



## Mary Ellen Owen Cooke

December 12, 1948 - August 10, 2019

Mary Ellen Owen Cooke, 70, of 649 Edgewood Drive, Danville, VA, died Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Carrilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital after a decline in her health for the past eighteen months.

Ellen was born in Danville, VA on December 12, 1948, a daughter of the late William Montague Owen and Elsie Mae Crowder Owen. She lived her entire life in Danville, VA, and retired from Durand's What a Burger where she worked with her husband as owner and operator.

She was of the Christian faith.

Ellen was married to Durand Mason Cooke, who survives.

In addition to her husband, of the residence, she is survived by a daughter, Shannon Bell (Justin), of Gladys, VA; two grandchildren, Kathryn Bell, and Kaleb Bell, both of Gladys, VA; and her nephews, Jimmy Bryant and Peter Valiante.

Ellen was predeceased by her parents, William and Elsie Owen; a sister, Shirley Owen Bryant, and her husband, Bill Bryant.

A memorial funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 7:00

P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the funeral home from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Cooke family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **10**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - August 16, 2019 at 03:16 PM

KB

“ *I remember when i would sing & play in the rain with her, shes the reason why i like rain and im not afraid of trains anymore. Miss u Nee-Nee <3*

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**Kathryn Bell** - October 06, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JC

“ *I THOUGHT OF U TODAY. WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL DID FOR ME. ALL THE HELP YOU WERE TO ME. I HAD NO IDEA U HAD PASSED. MY HEART IS BREAKING TO FIND THIS OUT. I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAY THANK YOU. THE WORLD WILL BE A MUCH SADDER PLACE WITHOUT U. R.I.P. SWEET ELLEN. AND THANK YOU.*

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**JULIE CROWDER** - February 28, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JB

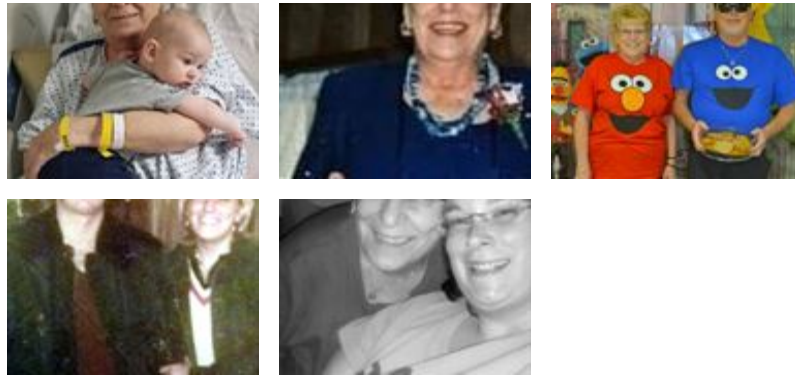
“ *Joan Burton lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke*



Joan Burton - August 16, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ *142 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - August 16, 2019 at 03:05 PM

RB

“ *So sorry about Ellen's passing away . Ellen is in a much better place now . No more suffering and No more pain . Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Ricky&Evelyn Bell*



Ricky&Evelyn Bell - August 16, 2019 at 02:09 PM

J)

“ Jennifer Stone (lynch ) lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke



Jennifer Stone (lynch ) - August 14, 2019 at 10:10 PM

J)

“ So sorry for your loss... I remember "what a burger" like it was just yesterday ... y'all are in my thoughts and prayers....

Jennifer Stone (lynch ) - August 14, 2019 at 10:07 PM

VP

“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke.



August 14, 2019 at 11:07 AM

VP

“ May you RIP Ellen,you were a wonderful friend and a exceptional boss,we had some good times especially the time me you durand and the cook went to see Alabama in concert, we had an awesome time then went to red lobster. My heart and prayers are with you Durand and the family. I sure will miss you Ellen. Love you.



Vickie Parker - August 12, 2019 at 09:35 PM

KG

*Rip to miss Ellen Cooke you were a great boss you and your husband Durandmay God's blessing of comfort be with the family at this time*

**Kevin Gough** - August 13, 2019 at 03:02 AM

MC

“ *Mr.&Mrs.Billy Clay lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke*



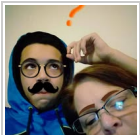
**Mr.&Mrs.Billy Clay** - August 11, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Lisa Leigh lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke*



**Lisa Leigh** - August 11, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Lisa Branch lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke*



**Lisa Branch** - August 11, 2019 at 06:00 AM

RW

“ *Ellen is loved and will be missed. She treated me like her own daughter growing up and I am thankful for all the fun and memories we shared. Prayers for Shannon, Durand and family.* ”



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**Rita Weaver** - August 10, 2019 at 08:17 PM

JO

“ *Joan lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Owen Cooke* ”



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**Joan** - August 10, 2019 at 07:54 PM

JO

*Fly high my friend. Your troubles are over. You will be missed and remembered always.*

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**Joan** - August 10, 2019 at 07:58 PM