



## Donna Cooper Cato

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Donna Cooper Cato, 76, of Rural Retreat VA and formerly of Bluefield, peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at Wythe County Community Hospital.

Born in Bluefield, WV, on January 17, 1949, she was the beloved daughter of the late Byron Donald Cooper and Eunice Louise Peery Cooper.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and follower of Christ, Donna lived a life rooted in compassion and service. She worked for many years as an administrator in the medical field, where her dedication and nurturing nature touched countless lives. She attended Life Changers Christian Church in Wytheville, VA, and her unwavering Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life.

She had a heart that gave freely—always putting others before herself. Donna was the kind of woman who worried more about others than her own needs. Her family was her joy, and she loved spending quality time with them, especially around a board game. She also found great comfort and strength in studying her Bible and cherished time spent with her sisters, sharing memories, laughter, and their deep bond of faith. Some of her most treasured moments were spent in Burke's Garden, VA, surrounded by the beauty of the mountains and the warmth of sisterhood.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard Max Cato, and

her parents.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Roger Allen and wife Stacey of Rural Retreat, VA; Brian Allen and wife Kim of Princeton, WV; and Tiffany Howser and husband Mark of Galax, VA. She is also survived by two sisters, Anita Cooper of Columbia, SC, and Barbara Rose and husband Bob of Bluefield, WV.

Donna's legacy continues through her eight grandchildren: Brittany Watkins and husband Spenser, Tanner Cox and wife Brooke, Tyler Standridge Allen and wife Suzannah, Brody Allen, Brandon Blankenship and wife Erika, Richard Howser, Hannah Howser, and Josie Howser; and three great-grandchildren: Brody & Braelynn Blankenship, and Wrenley Watkins.

A memorial service celebrating Donna's life will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home with Rev. David Payne officiating. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 1:00 p.m.

An after-service meal will be provided by First Christian Church, located at 2200 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV. 24701

In lieu of flowers donation are accept to Bluefield Union Mission 2203 Bluefield Ave #2508 Bluefield Va 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Anita, I am so sorry for your loss! May God comfort your heart and the hearts of your extended family with the precious promises in His Word of our blessed hope as believers. Love and prayers, Sharon Wingo

Sharon L Wingo - June 20, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LS

“ Donna was a precious cousin and also a dear, dear friend. We shared many happy memories growing up and continued in our later years. Hugs & prayers to all of you, her family. She loved you beyond measure.

Linda Cooper Sturgill - June 19, 2025 at 11:06 PM

BH

“ My heartfelt condolences to Donna's family. Love and prayers. Betty Hudson

Betty Hudson - June 19, 2025 at 01:12 PM

BR

I am sorry for your loss! I personally didn't know Donna but, I attended Midway Baptist and Amiée made me aware of this about Donna's passing. She seemed to be a dedicated, devoted, loving lady! I am praying for her husband and all of her family! God Bless!

Bonnie Rowland - June 23, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donna Cooper Cato.



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June 19, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Cooper Cato.

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June 19, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Donna Cooper Cato.



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June 18, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Cooper Cato.

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“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Donna Cooper Cato.



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June 18, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Cooper Cato.

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“ Linda Vaught lit a candle in memory of Donna Cooper Cato



Linda Vaught - June 18, 2025 at 05:49 PM



A very sweet and caring person , she will be missed, I send my condolences to the family,so sorry for your loss.

Linda Vaught - June 18, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Cooper Cato.



June 18, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ Donna was a precious lady whom I loved very much.We went to church together at Blue Ridge Chapel. Her smile would light up a room. She will be truly missed.



Betty Lineberry - June 18, 2025 at 04:56 PM

RH

“ Roger, Brian, Tiffany and Family,  
I am shocked to hear of your dear Mother's passing. She was such a dear, special friend. It was a joy to know her. I know she is happy to be reunited with Rick but know she will be sorely missed her. Prayers for her family.

Ruth Hall - June 18, 2025 at 04:56 PM

BL

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Betty Lineberry - June 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LH

“ Rogers Stacy Tanner and Brody I am so sorry for your loss you are in my heart and my prayers and I pray that God gives you the strength and peace for the days ahead I love y'all and God bless I'm here if you need anything



Linda Hill - June 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM