



## Sharon K Cooper

July 16, 1941 - March 16, 2018

Dr. Sharon Powell Cooper was awarded the wings of an angel and exchanged her earthly home for a heavenly home on March 16, 2018, with family at her side.

She was born July 16, 1941 in Marion, OH to Gladys John Powell, but called Daytona Beach home, having been moved there in 1952. Her parents preceded her in death.

After graduation from Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach (class of 59), Sharon received Bachelor and Master degrees in Home Economics and Administration at Florida State University. She followed this up with her PhD in Education from the University of Tennessee.

A highly committed and dedicated educator, Sharon taught at the Elementary, Middle, and High school levels in Florida Public Schools early in her career. Following a period as a Professor at Colorado State University, she transitioned in College administration at Florida Community College at Jacksonville (now Florida State College at Jacksonville), and finally as Vice President for Instruction at Central Florida Community College (now College of Central Florida) before retiring in 2008.

Retirement found her busy at her church, St. John Lutheran, and deeply

involved with the Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research, helping to raise money to aid in cancer research. Beyond her activities in Ocala, Sharon and her husband enjoyed traveling to the far reaches of the world with her family. She thoroughly enjoyed exploring new cultures, meeting new people, and always trying new things.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Larry, sister, Barbara Cameron (Joe), daughter Khristina Dean (Mike), step-son John Cooper (Debbie), step-daughters Jeannice Braun(Fred), Lisa Coffey (Michael), 7 Grandchildren, and 4 Great-Grandchildren along with a legion of close friends.

She was a vibrant wife, mother, Nana, and friend who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing her.

A Memorial Service for Sharon will be held at 2 PM Saturday, March 24th, at St. John Lutheran Church in Ocala. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in Sharons name to the Ocala Royal Dames Cancer Research, (PO Box 6163 Ocala, FL 34478).

# Tribute Wall

UF

“ Very sorry to read the news - my deepest condolences to Larry and the Cooper family. I have met Sharon in 1997 when I was a foreign exchange student in Jacksonville. Always keen to interact with people from all over the world, Sharon was heading FCCJ's foreign exchange student program, and Larry and Sharon also gave me a home and became a wonderful host family. Due to their upcoming move to Ocala, I could only stay with them for two months, but we have remained close friends and I went to see them in Ocala whenever I came back to the US. We made plans that one day Sharon and Larry would come to my country and let me show them how I live, and we had almost made it in 2014, but then had to cancel last minute due to a medical emergency. I remember many fun and interesting conversations with Sharon, her deep interest in other cultures and her ability to get people together. I will definitely miss her and keep her in my memories.

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**Urs Fischer** - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Sharon was a leader mentor and friend. As her Royal Dames sister She will be deeply missed but all of us. We have all been blessed by her in so many ways. Live Laugh Love and Prayers to her family. Sincerely Nancy Porter Past President Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research

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**Nancy Porter** - March 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FW

“Please accept my condolence as you mourn the passing of Mrs. Cooper, this is surely a difficult time for you all. May the promise by our God of the day when all that makes us sad including death is gone forever bring you hope and comfort in the days ahead. You are in my prayer at this time.” Psalm 94:19, Acts 24:15, Revelation 21:4,

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**F. Ward** - March 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“A TRADITIONAL FUNERAL BASKET was sent on March 21, 2018 Larry, John, and the Family of Sharon Cooper,

*Our deepest condolences goes out to the entire family. She was a warm, caring, and pleasant person and she will be greatly missed by all.*

*- The Smith and Allison Family*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Cooper on the sad occasion of her passing. It was a pleasure working under her leadership when she was Vice President for Instruction at the College of Central Florida. A dedicated educator and a skilled administrator, she will be fondly remembered by those of us privileged to know her.

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**Dr. Harold S. Jaye** - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GK

“*Sad, sad, sad. My deepest sympathy goes out to Sharon Cooper's family and friends. Sharon and I spent happy times while being at FSU. We were sorority sisters in Zeta Tau Alpha and shared happy times. She will B missed greatly. Georgia M. Kaney*

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**Georgia M. Kaney** - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*Sharon you were and always will be a most wonderful friend to us. Your energy and enthusiasm filled our lives with so many memorable moments. We will miss you treasure your friendship forever!*

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**Marty & Joyce Walchak** - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“*Sharon was full of life and love, and family was her first. Ed and I knew Larry and Sharon in Deerwood. What lovely friends and neighbor. My prayers are with you Kristy and Larry. Cindy Gaines*

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**Cindy gaines** - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“*My sister, Sharon was always an inspiration for me. Her kindness, generosity, humor, but most of all she was always looking for the light and towards the light, no matter what she is facing. Her love of God, family and friends always made me want to be just like her. If you knew her, you know she was the BEST! All of her faith in what was to come has now become knowledge. I am imagining the glorious things she is getting to experience today. I will miss her.*

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**Barbara Cameron** - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ We have both loved you and will keep you in our hearts always --- what a delight you have been to us! RIP

Frank & Naida Rasbury - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our sympathy to your family in the great loss of such a vibrant and loving wife, mother and loved one. God bless you and keep you in as His perfect peace. William and JoAnn Tydings

JoAnn Tydings - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Fly high Dr. Cooper. You were a good friend and mentor. You will be missed.

Daniel Figler - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Thank you Sharon! For giving me my first opportunity in higher education at Central Florida Community College.

Adam Hayashi, Ph.D. - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Sharon was a friend to all who knew her. Her wonderful smile and energy made you feel good to be with. Sharon and Larry have blessed many and she will definitely be missed.

Gordon and Carolyn Smith - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ May her memory be eternal

Tony Melachrino - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Aunt Sharon was the most generous person that I know. She was always there for me whenever I needed an extra year. I will think about her and miss her all the time. I know shes in a better place and happy to be with Nana and grandpa. I will Love her forever!!!

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**Cathi Rodrigo** - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM