



## Mary K. Cooper

February 17, 1946 - March 16, 2023

Mary (Kathy) Kathleen (Riley) Cooper passed away at 77 years of age on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Mary (Kathy) was born on February 17, 1946, in Carthage, Missouri at McCune Brookes to Lev Nolan and Mary Lou Riley. Kathy grew up in Carthage with her sister Lucile and 4 brothers, Keith, Ross, Jerry, and Denis. She graduated from Carthage High School. Kathy worked as a secretary for Missouri Farm Bureau, both in Carthage and Lamar. She married Everett Ray Cooper on August 28, 1964, in Carthage. They moved to Houston, Texas in 1971 and managed an apartment complex for her sister for one year, then she became a loving mother and house wife for the rest of her life. They moved back to Carthage in 1981. They had 3 sons, Brian, Paul, and David. Kathy is survived by her husband, Ray, son Paul and his wife, Jana, grandchildren, Lane and Miranda, son, David and his wife, Bethany, grandchild, Maleah.

Kathy loved gardening, growing flowers, and cooking. She loved all animals especially small, new ones that needed help.

A Celebration of Life will be held when her husband, Ray, joins her and they will be interred together in Park Cemetery, Carthage.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Aunt Kathy*

*One of the many privileges I have benefited from in life is the love and life lessons from my extended family. As a child, you don't realize you are learning when your aunt Kathy shows you the latest kitten she rescued or tells you something funny about her garden, but you are. I hope the joy of her life helps dull the pain of her loss for Uncle Ray and the entire family. I haven't been around much as an adult but I cherish the memories of this kind and gentle woman who I was fortunate enough to have in my "village."*

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**Jeffrey Riley** - March 19, 2023 at 08:56 AM