



## Mary Rivers Cooper

December 15, 1937 - August 9, 2023

Mary Rivers Cooper, age 85, of Tallahassee, left this world for the Kingdom of Heaven on August 9, 2023. She departed peacefully, surrounded by her cherished family, in the embrace of the home she had lovingly tended for the past 53 years. Mary Rivers taught her children and grandchildren the importance of familial bonds. She drew her loved ones close for birthdays and holidays, infusing every occasion with warmth and joy. Among these cherished occasions, Thanksgiving and Christmas were the pinnacle of celebration.

Mary Rivers will be remembered by her family and friends for her steadfast reliability in times of need. Her unwavering support served as a beacon of comfort. Her devotion to her Lord extended to her role as a committed member and supporter of Faith Presbyterian Church, where she and her husband faithfully worshipped. With a heart for service, she held multiple positions within the church and eagerly volunteered to engage in charitable activities, including mission trips to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Madagascar, and more.

An avid traveler, Mary Rivers had an unquenchable wanderlust, exploring diverse corners of the globe. Her artistic inclinations found expression through her various creative pursuits, including sketching, painting, sewing, photography, and the musical arts. She excelled as an artist, skilled gardener,

and exceptional chef. Her passion for art and creativity extended to her family, and she wholeheartedly encouraged her children and grandchildren in their artistic endeavors. Renowned for her hospitable spirit, she opened her home to all, leaving an indelible mark through her graciousness.

Born on December 15, 1937, in Chattahoochee, Florida, Mary Rivers spent most of her life in the Sunshine State. She was graduated from Leon High School and later went to Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, where she received a bachelor's degree in philosophy. On June 23, 1960, she married her husband, Charles, in Tallahassee, embarking on a shared journey to raise their family in Nashville, New York City, and Lawton, Oklahoma, before returning to Tallahassee to settle in 1967. Mary Rivers was predeceased by her parents, Alice (Buford) Stubbins and Richard Patteson Stubbins. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles L. Cooper; her children, Charles L. Cooper, Jr., and his wife, Greta J. Cooper; Richard G. Cooper and his wife, Jazz Cooper; Roger P. Cooper and his wife, Allison Cooper; Rachel N. Bond and her husband, Brian Bond. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren, Haley Lewellyn, Caroline Fugitt, Olivia Cooper, Tara Cooper, Lindsey Cooper, Mary Cooper, Josephine Rivers Bond, and Bryson Bond, as well as her adored great-grandchildren, Lorelei Llewellyn, Adalind Llewellyn, Elizabeth "Libby" Fugitt, and Wells Fugitt.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Rivers communicated her desire to be remembered through contributions to support the mission efforts in Madagascar.

Contributions may be made by checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church with "Mary Rivers Cooper/The Turks" noted in the memo line. Gifts may also be made online at [www.faithpcusa.org/give/](http://www.faithpcusa.org/give/).

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home on Friday, August 18, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Subsequently, a memorial service is scheduled at Faith Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 19,

2023, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Presbyterian Church, where her spirit of warmth and compassionate service to others will undoubtedly endure.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church  
2200 North Meridian Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Rivers Cooper.*



August 17, 2023 at 05:11 PM



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

August 17, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Memories of times enjoyed with Mary Rivers and her family are warm. They always bring smiles to my face. See you in Heaven Mary Rivers.*

Ivan Barineau - August 16, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *Ed and Carol Liedy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mary Rivers Cooper.*



Ed and Carol Liedy - August 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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“ Ed and Carol Liedy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Rivers Cooper.

Ed and Carol Liedy - August 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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“ I loved every minute I spent with you. Horse Shows with the girls, Loved our time at the beach house as well. I dream of the old days.

Carol A Liedy - August 14, 2023 at 06:59 PM

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Our deepest sympathies to Charlie and the family. Our hearts are with you. Al and Betsy Deeb

Al Deeb - August 19, 2023 at 07:29 AM