

# Barbara Jane (Bobbye) Cooper

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**Barbara (Bobbye) Jane Cooper** Born in San Francisco, CA on June 4, 1928. Passed away February 20, 2006, in the Arizona home of her daughter and son-in-law after a valiant eight-and-a-half-year battle with Stage 4B endometrial cancer. Beloved wife for over 58 years of Norman Cooper, O.D., of Sacramento, CA and Mesa, AZ; mother of Sheri (Daniel) Sinykin of Madison, WI and Sun Lakes, AZ; Merle Ross of Bend, OR; Marc Cooper of Sacramento, CA and Loren (Ingrid) Cooper of Carmichael, CA; grandmother of Aaron (Debbie) Sinykin (Chandler, AZ); Rudi (Esther Ades) Sinykin (Sagamore Hills, OH); Joshua (Julia) Sinykin (Colorado Springs, CO); Delicia (Shaun) Van Harmelen (Sumas, WA); Kristopher (Tosha) and Austin Cooper (Carmichael, CA); aunt of Daniel (Gwen) Kresteller (San Mateo, CA). She was predeceased by a grandson, Michael Dicklich, her parents Morton T. Kresteller and Pauline Kuttner Kresteller Stulsaft, and her brother Morton R. Kresteller. Bobbye grew up in the Lake Street area of San Francisco, graduated from George Washington High School in 1944, and attended the University of California at Berkeley where she met Norman. They married on September 13, 1947. She lived

most of her adult life in Sacramento, raising four children, earning her B.A. in education with a special secondary in music at Sacramento State and her M.A. in education from UCSF. She taught music, kindergarten, and special education for most of her twenty years at O.W. Erlewine School. She loved sharing her beautiful lyric soprano voice in community productions of "Carousel," "Cosi Fan Tutte," and "Die Fledermaus," and also at the weddings of her children and grandson Aaron. In 1959, her pink debutante camellias won Best of Show at the Memorial Auditorium. When her children were young, she was a strong supporter of the Arden Park and Arden Hills swimming teams. After her retirement from teaching in 1985, she and Norman wintered in Mesa, AZ, where they were round dancing teachers as well as active in square and round dancing nationally. She loved world- and RV-traveling and, together with Norman, led groups abroad to China, the British and Scandinavian Isles, and Southeast Asia. In addition to Banner Hospice and the support of the Arizona East Valley dancing community, she and the family are grateful for the advice and wisdom of Dr. Jon Hake and his Mercy Hospital-Folsom Cancer Support Group, which-along with her fierce fighting spirit-enabled her to outlive her prognosis by over six years. Friends are welcome for visitations 7 PM to 8:30 PM Saturday at LOMBARD & CO., FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 1550 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, CA 95825 and are invited to attend the service 10 AM Sunday at HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY, 6200 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95824 In lieu of flowers, donations in Bobbye's memory may be made to Sutter VNA & Hospice, 7300 Folsom Blvd # 100, Sacramento, 95826; Banner Hospice Program, 1325 N. Fiesta Blvd., Suite 1 Gilbert, AZ 85233; or to Mercy Foundation, 10540 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, clearly stating the donation is in honor of Barbara Cooper and in support of the Mercy Folsom Hospital Cancer Support Group. A memorial service in Mesa, AZ, will follow at a later date. For more information please contact Lombard & Co., Funeral Directors at (916) 483-3297.

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February 19, 2007

Mom, tomorrow will mark your first Yahrzeit. Though you are no longer a physical presence in my life, I feel your spirit daily and thank you for your love, strength, and wisdom in guiding me through the last painful year. I will love you always and carry you and all your lessons in my heart, and in the hearts of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will keep your memory alive. Thank you for the life you gave me and for your continued presence. Love always, Sheri

**Sheri Sinykin**

February 24, 2006

We both are sadden by Aunt Bobbye's passing..She was so special to me always and now to Doug.Tho he knew her as a youngboy from swimming

team at Arden Hills etc.. We both send our best love and sympathy to each of you and a big hug..Aunt Bobbye gave us all so much love and she was a beautiful role model and I always looked to her for wisdom and love.

Love you all very very much, Lin and Doug (Hug each other and Dad for me.)

### **Doug & Linda Dern**

February 24, 2006

Norm, we were so sorry to learn of Bobbye's passing. She certainly fought valiantly for so long. We always enjoyed seeing the both of you at dances, and we send our sincere sympathy and prayers to you and your family.

### **G.B. & Judy Summitt**

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