



Joy Ann (Long) Cooper

July 19, 1951 - May 28, 2026

Joy Ann Long Cooper lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on May 28, 2026. Joy was born on July 19, 1951, in Roswell, New Mexico to Anna Knowles Long and Clyde Lowell Long. She graduated from Roswell (NM) high school and attended New Mexico State University. Joy joined IBM as a secretary in 1985 and retired in 2011 as a project manager. Among Joy's great loves were her flowers, her embroidery machine, and everything about water. Joy spent hours in the Spring and Fall tending her flowering plants and responding to the compliments from passers-by. Her embroidery machine gave her hours of pleasure churning out specialty T-shirts for her grandson and the neighborhood children. Joy was a water person. She enjoyed boats, fishing, and, most of all, SCUBA diving. She had more than 700 dives at spots ranging from the Keys, various Caribbean islands, and especially her "go to" place, San Pedro, Belize. Joy never met a stranger, and her travels and outgoing personality gave her the opportunity to have friends everywhere. Joy and Bill met in 1986, and they were married in 1991 and relocated to Roswell. They shared their love of everything outdoors. Their retirement was a study of constant motion: diving, fishing, clay shooting, motorcycles, and the garden. She grew no moss. She was kind and thoughtful and relished her roll as a "third grandma" to the neighborhood children. She will be missed. Joy is survived by her husband, William David Cooper of Roswell; her son, Nathan Underwood (Melissa) and much loved grandson, Ethan, of Lexington, KY; sister Carol Cooper, and brother Glen Long (Marcie), of Las Cruces, NM;

and sister Meryl Kettler (Ron) of Austin, Texas. She also leaves a host of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and another brother, Clyde Lowell Long, Jr. (Genny) of Roswell, NM.

A celebration of Joy's life will be held on July 8, 2026 at 12:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. Joy's family will begin receiving friends at 11:00am. Interment will follow at 2:30pm at Georgia National Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Accent Care hospice facility in Cumming for the compassionate care they provided Joy in her last days.

If anyone wishes to make a contribution in Joy's memory, please consider AccentCare Hospice in Cumming, GA or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment Services

JUL 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Joy Ann (Long) Cooper



Northside Chapel - June 03 at 10:24 AM

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*My dear Joy, no words for how much I miss you. The world is not the same with out you.
Until we meet again dear friend, I love you.*

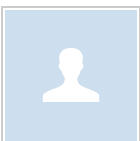
Angela Mahan-Lindeman - June 11 at 01:11 PM

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“ *My dear Joy, no words for how much I miss you. The world is not the same with out you.
Until we meet again dear friend, I love you.
Bill, you and the family are in my prayers. I love you too.*



Angela Mahan-Lindeman - June 11 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joy Ann (Long) Cooper.



June 03 at 05:27 PM

EL

“ Joy has been my neighbor for the last 27 years. When my daughter was born she delivered flowers from her yard to my door. Joy had the most beautiful flowers and the best tended garden in Roswell. She was generous and thoughtful. She shared with us her delicious Hatch chili peppers and stuffed jalapeños wrapped in bacon. When she first started with her embroidery she made a butterfly and gave one to me. She was always kind and attentive to my daughter. Though she was not a fan of dogs it didn't stop her from being a good person and offering them treats. Joy and I shared many thoughtful conversations about life. She was a special lady possessed of great resilience and a curious mind and adventurous nature. She appreciated the small things that make life worth living. Joy, you will always be missed and I know you're tending a garden in heaven. ❤️

Elaine - June 03 at 03:36 PM

CN

I always enjoyed dropping in when Joy and Bill were sitting outside in the late afternoons. Joy would always ask about my kids, whom she knew fairly well. She shared garden seeds and shared suggestions for what would do well in our particular clay soil. She was always a bright and happy person. Joy will be missed by the neighborhood and the passers by used to her welcoming greetings.

cindy nolan - June 05 at 01:44 PM

RB

Joy, my husband and I, were friends from age 12 up. She and I were cheerleaders together at East Grand Plains and we had many sleepovers and shared so many girl talks. I will always remember her sweet laugh and the kindness she shared with so many. We are lifting the family in prayer and know she will always be your guardian angel.

Robbie Ann Hill Burns - June 08 at 01:34 PM

AN

“ Joy is one of two lifelong friends. Actually she is my sister in so many ways. From riding horses, swimming in the reservoir, climbing apples trees to shooting hoops at EGP, Joy, Barbara and I lived life fully. Bill, Nathan and all of the Long family are in my prayers and heart.

Ann Nelson - June 01 at 11:01 AM