



Arlene Racey Cooley

August 27, 1934 - June 13, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Arlene Racey Cooley

Arlene Racey Cooley, age 91, went to be with her Lord, June 13, 2026, at the home of her son Michael and daughter-in-law Holly Cooley, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born August, 1934, in Woodstock, Virginia, Arlene was the daughter of the late Patrick H and Ada (Orndorff) Racey. It was in Woodstock where she was raised and formed the strong foundation that she carried throughout her life. She loved her Lord Jesus and was a very active, longstanding member of St Luke Covenant Brethren Church. On April 6, 1957, she married the love of her life, Thomas F. Cooley. Together, they built a beautiful life and shared 57 years of deep devotion until his passing in 2014.

Arlene was a woman of remarkable character. She was steady and strong, serving as an anchor for her family, yet she balanced that strength with a good-humored and truly adorable spirit that brought joy to everyone around her.

Her greatest passion and ultimate joy was her family. She was a devoted mother to her sons, Michael and Keith Cooley. Her legacy of love shone

brightest in her role as a grandmother to Nathan, Benjamin, and Aaron Cooley, and she was blessed to share a uniquely vibrant, active relationship with her great-grandchildren: Anders, Abram, Emmett, and Ember Cooley. They will all forever cherish the warmth, laughter, and steadfast love she poured into their lives.

She is survived by her loving sons and their families, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her beloved remaining sibling, Neta Racey (Coffman) as well as many adoring nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by siblings Jennings Racey (Margaret), Geneva Kibler (Robert), and Leslie Racey.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Cooley, Benjamin Cooley, Aaron Cooley, Fred Frenzel, Charles Weaver and Donald Cooley, Jr.

A service to honor and celebrate Arlene's life will be held this Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Heishman Funeral Home, Woodstock, VA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Luke Covenant Brethren Church, 3250 Back Road, Woodstock, Va 22664.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com
Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home, Woodstock

Cemetery Details

St. Luke Church of the Brethren

3250 Back Rd
Woodstock, VA 22664

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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