

**Eleanor L. (Lehman) Cooper**, (24 Jan 1936 – 15 Nov 2011), The Perry County Times, Saturday, November 26, 2011

**Eleanor L. Cooper**, 75, of Loysville died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 at home.

She was born Jan. 24, 1936 in Altoona to the late **John Lee** and **Carol McClure Lehman**.

She graduated from Altoona High School in 1953 and went to Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh in 1956, and was a member of its alumni association.

Her nursing career spanned many decades, including staff nurse in hospitals in Pittsburgh, Waynesboro, Clarion and Portland, Ore. In 1976, she began home health nursing in Clearfield and in 1978 went to work for Centre County Home Health, serving as a cardiopulmonary nurse specialist from 1979 to 1989. She worked for Carlisle Hospital Home Health from 1999 until retirement.

She was active in churches, serving as president of women's groups for the United Methodist churches she attended in Clearfield and Centre Hall. She was a member, elder and Presbyterian Women member of Centre Presbyterian Church, Loysville, since 1989.

She loved to sing and was a member of The Susquennettes in Clearfield and served as the group's president for 10 years. She sang with the Good News Singers for many years, with the church choir and West Perry Ministerium Advent Choir.

She wore the Smokey Bear costume in the Clearfield Fair Parade for the Department of Environmental Resources for 10 years in the late 1960s and early 1970s; volunteered at nursing clinics and bloodmobiles in Centre, Clearfield and Perry counties, organized family reunions; active in Habitat for Humanity; a member of local card clubs, book clubs, an MS Society support group; and a volunteer advocate counselor for domestic violence and rape crisis services. She was an avid outdoorswoman and loved to hunt, birdwatch, canoe, hike, camp and identify wildflowers and enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting and knitting.

She was the widow of **Charles E. Cooper**, who she married in October 1960.

Surviving are three children, **J. Richard** "Rick," **Amy Lee Cooper** and **Curt William**; a brother, **John Lehman** of Keyser, V.Va.; a sister, **Kathryn Auker** of Bellefonte; and three grandchildren, **Mark**, **Rachel** and **Lydia**.

Services were held Nov. 19 in Centre Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Arlene B. Dunn officiating.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg 17110, or Centre Presbyterian Church, 3912 Freeman Hollow Road, Loysville 17047.

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