



Lesley Ann Cooper

November 12, 1953 - May 4, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Lesley Ann Cooper on May 4, 2026, at the age of 72. Born in Strood, England, Lesley lived a life rich in love and resilience, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Lesley was a devoted mother to her son, Dan Smith, and daughter, Shelley Smith, as well as a cherished mother-in-law to Audra Smith. She was a proud grandmother to Leo Smith, whose laughter and smile brought her immense joy. Above all, she demonstrated unwavering dedication to her family, exemplifying the love and strength of a nurturing matriarch.

At heart, Lesley was a community figure—a legal secretary for 31 years at Boerner, Dennis and Franklin Law Firm, where her professionalism and warm spirit endeared her to colleagues and clients alike. Her passion for life extended beyond her career; she thrived while working on home renovations and was known for her beautiful garden, often admired by friends and neighbors. Her pride in her lawn and house flowers reflected her commitment to nurturing, whether in her garden or her relationships.

Lesley's friendships were of paramount importance, and she invested time and heart into maintaining those bonds, creating a network of love and support around her. Her ability to connect with others and her genuine nature made her a beloved friend to many.

In honoring her life, a memorial service will be held in Sanders Memorial Chapel at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 11, 2026 where family and friends will gather to celebrate the remarkable woman that Lesley was.

In addition to Dan, Shelley, Audra and Leo, Lesley is survived by her mother, Terry Cooper, and sister, Jackie Cooper, who will also carry forward her spirit of love and community. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Cooper. As we say goodbye, we celebrate the beautiful legacy she leaves behind-a legacy built on love, nurturing, and the joy of shared moments.

Lesley will be deeply missed, but her memory will forever shine brightly in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know and love her.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lesley Ann Cooper



Sanders Funeral Home - May 11 at 09:30 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lesley Ann Cooper



Sanders Funeral Home - May 08 at 12:43 PM

BJ

“ I feel so blessed to have had Lesley in my life. Over 62 years ago we met at Rochester Grammar School. Always making us laugh. Such a wonderful person. Thanks for always giving your precious time to us, whilst visiting your family in England. Leading to our friendship with your sister Jackie
Going to miss you my dear friend.
My heart goes out to all your loved ones. You have enriched so many lives
Free of pain now
Love Bernice xxx

Bernice Jordan - May 20 at 02:17 AM

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Bernice Jordan - May 20 at 02:16 AM

SD

“ Having lived next door to the Cooper family for many years I've been aware of the very strong and close family ties, particularly between Lesley (and her family) and her sister Jackie. Family holidays have been a source of great pleasure on both continents. Throughout her 22year cancer battle, she has been resourceful, brave, determined and obstinate through some tough times. I particularly appreciated her care, support and humour when I had a cancer diagnosis.
Lesley is finally at peace but she will be greatly missed especially by all her family.

Sue Dore - May 10 at 06:12 PM

LW

“ I have known Lesley since we were 11 years old when we both started at Rochester Grammar School for Girls way back in September 1965. We were in the same form throughout and I always remember what a fun person she was to be around. Our friendship continued after leaving school and we had many great adventures together. Les eventually went to Italy and I went to Australia but we always kept in touch.

I will always be grateful to Les for lending us the money to complete the overland journey I had embarked on with my boyfriend at the time. It was 1979 and we had started to run out of money for the four and a half month journey from Australia to UK. We caught up with Les in Italy and she loaned us enough to complete our journey. Thank you Lesley, you were an absolute star!

We continued to keep in touch as we both embarked on marriage and motherhood and met up as often as we could when she visited her family in the UK.

Les, I will miss you immensely and will look back on our friendship with great fondness. You have been a great friend. Rest peacefully dear friend. Until we meet again. xx

Lorraine White - May 10 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ Lots of Love - Mark and Dawn Mamawal purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



Lots of Love - Mark and Dawn Mamawal - May 08 at 04:27 PM

LM

“ Lots of Love - Mark and Dawn Mamawal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lesley Ann Cooper.

Lots of Love - Mark and Dawn Mamawal - May 08 at 04:27 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Self purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



Cheryl Self - May 08 at 04:01 PM

SC

“ Staff at CCNG purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



Staff at CCNG - May 08 at 02:40 PM

SC

“ Staff at Spanish Oaks Golf Club purchased the Beautiful Rose Basket for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



Staff at Spanish Oaks Golf Club - May 08 at 02:33 PM

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Staff at Spanish Oaks Golf Club - May 08 at 02:33 PM

SP

“ Suzette and Daniel Porter purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



Suzette and Daniel Porter - May 08 at 02:19 PM

SP

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Suzette and Daniel Porter - May 08 at 02:19 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - May 08 at 12:08 PM

GM

“ *Lesley was the strongest, most positive person I have ever met. The world has lost one of its angels. My sympathy goes out the family in the hardest of times.*
Graham

Graham Moon - May 08 at 11:15 AM

RP

“ *Randy and Denise Phillips purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.*



Randy and Denise Phillips - May 08 at 09:49 AM

LL

“ *What can I say about my lovely cousin?. She was smart, funny and strong , you knew when Lesley walked into a room!. She was a big part of my childhood and will always remember her with love.*

Lyn Leek - May 07 at 01:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.*



May 07 at 11:56 AM



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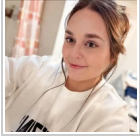
“ Lesley ... my big sister, my friend.
You lived so far away but we were always as close as if you lived in the same street. The weekly phone calls , the touch note postcards, the texts (nearly every day) and emails for longer stories.
I love you and was blessed to call you my sister.
But be at peace now my beautiful girl.
Forever in my heart ❤️

Jackie Cooper - May 07 at 07:12 AM



“ Grew up with Lesley & Jackie when they lived in Strood , Kent with Terry & Ron , a great family .
Had many good times in Italy working and socialising with Les , especially raking round Venice .
Lost touch for a few years when she moved to America.
Saw Les now & then when she came back home to England and stayed in touch via 'Facebook'
She was a fighter till the end . God bless Les , you can rest in peace now mate xxx

Candy Tulett - May 06 at 05:19 PM



“ I met Lesley Lou when I was 18, while interviewing for my first “big girl” job. Lesley quickly became one of my favorite people with her funny sense of humor, her stories from her time in England, and her amazing sarcasm. She was an amazing mentor, friend, and I always admired her love for her family. I’m so happy to have met Lesley and I’ll remember her fondly forever, especially on our shared birthday. May she rest in peace with our Lord. -JP (Jenna Frazee)

Jenna Frazee - May 06 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.

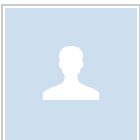


May 06 at 04:47 PM



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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.



May 06 at 04:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.*



May 06 at 04:44 PM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lesley Ann Cooper.*



May 06 at 02:18 PM



“ *Heaven gained a whole new level of energy. Lesley worked for my Dad as a legal secretary and quickly became a babysitter to me and my siblings as well. She introduced me to the movie Grease when it first came out and even bought me the album. Lesley was a supporter to me when noise in my world was more than I could handle. I'll forever remember her for so many things. Lesley meant so much to our family and we were blessed to call her friend. Allison Morton Pritchard*

Allison Pritchard - May 06 at 10:27 AM

TJ

“ It was wonderful for us as in-laws to be welcomed to an English family when Lesley's son, Dan, married our daughter, Audra, on the steps of the capitol in Austin in 2009. She was a warm and welcoming person to all who came in contact with her. Lesley was also a strong and courageous person having been a single mom for many years and fighting cancer to a standstill for well over two decades. She will be greatly missed and remembered by all who knew her. Love - Ted and Jackie.

Ted and Jackie Johnson - May 06 at 09:21 AM

RC

I know Lesley along with her sister Jackie most of my life I have know her mum Terry and dad Ron even longer, I was sorry to hear of her passing, remembering the good times she had up there Earl Estate Club,
My condolences go to her Mum Sister and Son.
Rest in Peace my dear Friend, xxx

Robert Clarke - May 07 at 09:54 AM