



Darlene Cooley

November 4, 1944 - November 9, 2025

Darlene Diane Wade Cooley, 81, entered eternal life on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Marshall Medical Center North. She was born November 4, 1944, in Cook County, Illinois, the third child of George and Florence Wade.

Throughout her life, Darlene worked as a waitress and also earned her cosmetology degree from Wallace Community College in Hanceville, Alabama. In her spare time, she knitted and crocheted. She was passionate about staying in touch with family and friends, always quick to send an encouraging message when she was thinking of them. She was also a longtime member of the Arab First United Methodist Church and had a deep love for the Lord. She married John Cooley on September 15, 1986, he preceded her in death in 2013. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother: Johnny Wade, and her first husband: Bobby Joe Young.

She is survived by her children: Joseph N. Young (Lori), Robert "Bobby" Young (Christy Barbee), Thomas M. Young (Sue), Timothy R. Young, and Kelly J. Bryan (Zack Light); grandchildren: Thomas M. Young, Jr. (Madison), Maria Nicole Love, Terry Wayne Young (Kayla), Dawn Howard (Brandon), William Harper (Brandy), Alayna Thomas, Dalton Bryan, Crimson Bryan, Adilynne Bryan, Dax Hammack, Joey Young (Lindsey), Sarah Pipia (George), Richard Young (Leandra), Megan Young-Stracener, and Timothy Young, Jr.; twenty great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a brother: Daryl Wade.

Celebration of Life was held at Gober Funeral Chapel on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, or Arab First United Methodist Church, PO Box 470, Arab, AL, 35016.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Tribute Wall



“ *Gober Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Darlene Cooley*



Gober Funeral Chapel - November 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM

SR

“ *Shawna R. purchased the Butterfly Holder Pendant for the family of Darlene Cooley.*



Shawna R. - April 07 at 10:06 PM

CH

“ *CHRIS lit a candle in memory of Darlene Cooley*



CHRIS - November 22, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene Cooley.*



November 20, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Jeff & Jennifer Domzalski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene Cooley.*

Jeff & Jennifer Domzalski - November 20, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Cheri Strickland lit a candle in memory of Darlene Cooley*



Cheri Strickland - November 19, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Jennifer Domzalski lit a candle in memory of Darlene Cooley*



Jennifer Domzalski - November 19, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JF

“ *Miss Darlene was a very sweet lady whom I have known my entire life may God bless and comfort her wonderful family my family and I will be praying for y'all as you go through this hard time*

Justin fry - November 18, 2025 at 01:38 PM

TC

“ *Teresa Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Darlene Cooley*



Teresa Calhoun - November 18, 2025 at 08:22 AM