



Chun Fung Cooper

January 12, 1949 - July 18, 2022

Fung Cooper, 73, passed away at her home July 18, 2022.

She left behind a lot of stuff to her daughters who have no idea what to do with it.

So if you're looking for an assortment of odds and ends, a variety of Home Shopping Network merchandise, an array of tools and home improvement products or a bowling ball....let's talk!!

This is not an ad for a yard sale, but an obituary for an amazing woman, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, born on January 12, 1949, in Taipei, Taiwan.

She leaves behind a very unique family that she was very proud of. Fung was well-known for her lack of patience, her stubbornness, for her giving and not receiving, her passion and kindness, and her flexibility to adapt.

She met Johnnie D. Cooper in Taipei, Taiwan and married him on October 15, 1970. She came to this country with an infant in her arms, and an Army husband in tow with a very small inkling of the English language and then was thrown into the sorority of the American housewife. She learned English through the magic of television and was lost in the world of soap operas.

She always had a sense of the importance of education, even though she only reached the 6th grade level. We believe that she would have climbed the education ladder if she hadn't had the responsibility to support her family financially. She had a variety of jobs that carried on into her adult life, which included working at the H.D. Lee Factory for over 20 years until it closed down. While she was contemplating what to do after that, she dove into the pool of school to obtain her GED. Her love of bowling led to work at the Daugherty Bowling Center for several years until she retired from the work force.

Fung was a passionate person who absolutely loved to share, share, and share alike. Whether it was cooking, self-improvement, health, or anything that would enter her mind. She was very resourceful and could always figure out a way to do things. If she didn't, well she knew who to go to...Tina. She loved to contribute her words of wisdom, experience, and memories to help comfort and heal anyone who crossed paths with her.

A green thumb, she did not have. It was more like pale green; however, her knowledge of gardening was deep forest green. Whether it was inside or outside, plant life was abundant in the house that she built out of her own blood, sweat, and tears. If anyone knew Fung, you know that her other passion was DIY projects. She could be found at any home improvement store filling up her cart or dolly with anything and everything, that was in her budget of course, and she was quite the bargainer. She was very frugal and would always, always, talk you into a discount. She even incorporated a bowling alley into her palace.

Some people get a calling for a career or find a joy or desire in life, but She had a devotion to bowling. Not sure if she picked bowling or if bowling picked her, whatever the reasoning is, it was her life. Maybe she felt as if she were

the pins, when you get knocked down, you should always get back up. Wherever she went, the first thing would be to visit the bowling alley. She always approached people to teach them the proper form for bowling. She never thought that she knew all that there was to know about bowling. There was always a way to improve, the same goes for lessons in life. Be the bowling ball, push down the obstacles and score a strike. She could always bowl you over with her spirit and passion.

She made America her home, however in her heart Taiwan was her true home, and every chance she got she would impart, sometimes forcefully, her Asian culture. Especially the Chinese language, in which ALL of her children including grandchildren have dabbled a little in. She would pass on her desire to embrace her Chinese tradition to her American family. After a decade or so of living in the US, she decided to become a full-fledged American citizen, and that she did with the help of her family.

Fung always looked her best when she walked out of the house. Her hair and makeup would be perfectly done, and she wore the latest fashions. Her closet is very heavily evident of that as well as her cosmetics counter. We have no doubt that she could have opened up her own department store. The camera loved her, and she loved it. In all of her photos, she is smiling and posing like a model. Her beauty shined inside and out, she was a star in her own right.

She is dearly and deeply loved by family and friends and will be missed more that we will ever know.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by two children: Maria Whittaker, married to Jay of Waynesville, MO, and Tina Jenkins, married to Mike of Ashburn, VA; three grandchildren: Ashley Whittaker, married to Jacob Guffey of Springfield, MO, Megan Whittaker of Waynesville, MO, and Jesse Whittaker of Waynesville,

MO; two sisters: Se-Jiao Cheng of Taipei, Taiwan and Jin-Lian Cheng of Taipei, Taiwan; and several other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Johnie D. Cooper; her parents: Chao-Shan Cheng and Cha Cheng; and eldest sister: Chun-Yue Lu.

All whom loved her dearly, will never forget her tenacity, wit, charm, grace (when necessary) and undying love and care for them.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Chun Cooper and may be left at Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapel of Richland
715 E. Jefferson Avenue
Richland, MO 65556
(573) 765-5300
richlandmc@memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Funeral Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ I met Fung when I was an instructor for the Lee Company in the 1970's. She was extraordinary. She had a natural grace about her that translated into being one of the best operators I ever had. She was kind and funny and I enjoyed her so. I cant tell you the times I have used her as an example to others of how not to struggle with a task but to let it come naturally. Iblearned so much from her, much more than she ever learned from me .

Teresa McDaniel - September 12, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DS

“ What a wonderfully written obituary. Peace be with her family.

Deb Savoie - August 05, 2022 at 07:54 PM

RW

“ So many memories as kids hanging out at the house. Good food and activities. She was a lovely lady!

Renita Watkins - August 03, 2022 at 07:26 AM

AL

“ Astrid Lastrapes lit a candle in memory of Chun Fung Cooper



Astrid Lastrapes - July 28, 2022 at 10:12 AM

JF

Sorry to hear this, she was a pretty lady and a hard worker.

Joyce Fritts - July 31, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. I haven't seen her in a while. She was a wonderful lady. We will miss her!

Neal, Vicki & Jim Woody

Vanissa & Dan DeShurley

Vicki-Neal Woody - July 27, 2022 at 08:32 AM

DP

“ Dave Pasley lit a candle in memory of Chun Fung Cooper



Dave Pasley - July 25, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ 93 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 25, 2022 at 06:16 PM

ML

“ *Michael W Lastrapes lit a candle in memory of Chun Fung Cooper*



Michael W Lastrapes - July 25, 2022 at 01:32 PM

DC

“ *Sharing in your sadness and keeping you all in our warmest thoughts and prayers as you navigate such a difficult loss. May you find comfort in your most cherished memories. Wishing you blessings of peace and solace.*

Dan & Judi Clark

Dan & Judi Clark - July 25, 2022 at 01:17 PM

CW

“ *Sharing in your sorrow, thinking of you and wishing I could be there to hold your hand and give you a big hug...*
Love ❤️ you Carol

Carol Walden - July 25, 2022 at 08:51 AM

“ I know I will always remember the good times we had bowling with Chun. Over the years I bowled on a lot of different teams, and enjoyed the time spent with her on the lanes. She always did her best, and at times showed us men just how good she could be, by outscoring all of us. About a week or two before she passed, I spoke to her on the phone, and she spoke of not feeling very good, and how bad she was bowling. I wondered then if she was going to be alright. She always seemed to take better care of herself than I did so I suppose I just let it go.

One never knows what time is appointed for us to pass, and that is probably a good thing. Death is the most humbling of all enemies, and whatever God you believe in is in control of that, because it doesn't matter in what way you have been taught to worship him, he will still be in charge. Whatever way you have been taught to believe, be it Hindu, Muslim, or Christian, will leave out a huge part of the worlds people. That tells me that all of them are falling short of the truth. Do not fear, the god of all creation will righteously judge everyone, and the criteria might be something far different than what we have been taught.

I have not been able to bowl for several years now, and likely it will not be long before I join Chun in whatever waits for us on the other side. In my nearly eighty years of life, I have never heard anything from the other side, warning me about what I believe, and since neither you nor I get to choose what we have been taught, or what we can accept, I just don't see a loving God sending us to torture. We don't get to choose anything about ourselves. What country we are born in, what family we are born to, or what attributes or disabilities we might have been born with. As a matter of fact, if we choose to claim any of these things, we are self-righteous, and in error.

Chun was my friend, and I am thankful for that. I will ask God to smile upon her in her future. Perhaps one day in that future, I will get to meet her again and we will laugh over what fun it was to live

out the gift of life given us down here. Howard W. Clark

Howard W Clark - July 24, 2022 at 03:02 PM

MS

“ *Mary Spampanato lit a candle in memory of Chun Fung Cooper*



Mary Spampanato - July 24, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MF

“ *Maria and Tina,
We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. From our family to
yours we send our deepest condolences to you both.
Kenneth and Dalene McDaniel
Kim, Kasondra, Kristie, Amanda & Tiffannie
Sue Pentecost
Jimmie & Richard*

McDaniel/Pentecost Family - July 24, 2022 at 02:41 PM

CA

“ *Chad & Dreama Anderson lit a candle in
memory of Chun Fung Cooper*



Chad & Dreama Anderson - July 24, 2022 at 11:45 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Chun Fung Cooper*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 24, 2022 at 09:13 AM

 Tina
Jenkins

“ *I miss you mama.*



Tina Jenkins - July 24, 2022 at 12:11 AM