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Barbara Grafflin Cooper, beloved mother and grandmother, passed peacefully on December 26, 2020 in Huntersville, North Carolina. Born Barbara Lyon Grafflin in Baltimore, Maryland in 1927, Barbara was the daughter of Arthur Cassell Grafflin and Marvel Almedia Williams. She is predeceased by her brother Arthur Cassell Grafflin, Jr. and her husband of 62 years, James Kingan Cooper.

Barbara attended Goucher College and received a B.A. from Pennsylvania College for Women (now Chatham University) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She went on to pursue advanced study at The University of Pittsburgh. Before marrying Jim in 1955, Barbara worked in merchandising at the Joseph Horne Company in Pittsburgh.

Barbara and Jim lived in Greenwich, Connecticut for nearly 40 years. Barbara was an avid reader, traveler, and arts enthusiast. She served as an active volunteer in the public schools, in libraries, and as a Deacon and Ruling Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. She was a longtime member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Barbara is survived by children Melissa Steidl (Karl) of Cornelius, North Carolina, Jeff Cooper (Lynne Coll) of Norwalk, Connecticut, and Thea Rochester (Craig) of Seattle, Washington, and by grandchildren Lindsay Beadon (Chris), Kurt Steidl (Niki) and Jane and Ian Rochester.

She will be interred at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. Contributions in her memory may be made to the P.E.O. Sisterhood at <http://www.peointernational.org/>



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