



# Clara Ann (Giddens) Cooper

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### **C**lara A. Cooper

St. Michaels, Clara A. Cooper of St. Michaels, departed this life at the Hospice of Queen Anne's, on Saturday, August 17, 2013 after a lengthy illness. She was 69. Clara was born on January 25, 1944 in Bridgetown, VA. To the late Robert R. and Annie Jo Giddens. She was the second oldest of seven children. Clara Ann was educated in the Northampton Co. public School system and was a member of the 1963 graduating class. Clara received her baptism at the Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown, VA., and was an active member there until she moved. When she was 18 years old she moved to St. Michaels, there she worked for a short time for the local clam factory, later she would work for such places as Perdue, Fashion Bug, Grayblock and Playtex until she retired for health reasons. Clara was an excellent cook. She will be remembered by all for her famous crab cakes, macaroni and cheese, yeast rolls, and sweet potato pie. Her family will miss her chocolate chip cookies which she gave generously as Christmas gifts. During her illness Mrs. Cooper looked forward to the visits by her pastor, Rev. Emanuel Johnson. Clara Ann is survived by her devoted husband of 33 years Richard Cooper, who was also her faithful & devoted caregiver. She also leaves to cherish her memory four children; Kennard E. Smith, Jr., and Velda M. Smith both of St. Michaels, Rodney O. Smith of Denton, Latrivia K. Cooper of St. Michaels and one step-son Richard McCleave of Baltimore. Six siblings; Robert Giddens (Louise) of N.C., Irene Dickerson, of DE., Cleo Holbrook (Ernest), of DE., Furgestine Head (Jesse), of TX., Juanita Brooks (Henson), of DE., Clarence Giddens (Judy) also of DE., 16 Grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren, one sister-in-law Annie B. Butler and one brother-in-law John W. Tripline (Marcia). A very special niece and caregiver Jean M. Butler and a special cousin William Harmon whom was like a son. Also survived by numerous cousins' extended family & friends. Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, August 23, 2013, at Union United Methodist Church, St. Michaels where friends may call from 11:00AM until the time of service. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, St Michaels. Arrangements are by the Ostrowski Funeral Home, St. Michaels.



## Tribute Wall

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VR

**Valerie Watts Roundtree** posted:

To The Cooper family and Giddens family:We would like to express our heartfelt condolence to the families. Clara Ann will be deeply missed. I pray that you will learn trust God in your time of bereavement. Clara Ann always had such a humble spirit.She a distance cousin on my dad's side (Emerson Watts). To the adult children and Richard know that she is in the arms of her holy father, he will not leave you or forsake you. Your family will be in my prayers and we must thank God for the years Clara Ann was with you. God Bless!

September 4 at 8:00 PM

BF

**Brenda Trower And Family** posted:

We are very sorry for your loss and send you our prayers and comfortThe Trower Family

August 25 at 8:00 PM

MW

**Mary Taylor Wessells** posted:

To the Cooper and Giddens Family, you have our deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the death of my cousin Clara Ann (Giddens) Cooper. We are so sorry that we can not be with you today. I remembered Clara and Family because we visited them and played with them. In Virginia, kinfolks were very close. My grand pop Beckett lived next door to Clara and Family. Thank God for the memories. Love-in-Christ, Cousin Mary Taylor Wessells and Family

August 22 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Clara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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