



Mary Lou Cooper Wigger
July 29, 1937 - August 26, 2023

**A Celebration of Life for
Mary Lou Cooper Wiggen
Monday, September 4, 2023 4:00 p.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas**

The congregation responds and participates in the prayers and responses that are in **bold**.

Hymn "Abide With Me"

Opening Prayer

Said Anthem

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Mary Lou, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *(said in unison)*

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn “Love Divine”

For our sister Mary Lou, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mary Lou, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. ***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; Mary Lou, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Let us pray, then, for our sister, Mary Lou, that *she* may rest from *her* labors, and enter into the light of God’s eternal Sabbath rest. Receive, O Lord, your servant Mary Lou, for *she* returns to you.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Mary Lou.

Wash her in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe her in *her* heavenly wedding garment.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Mary Lou.

May she hear your words of invitation, “Come, you blessed of my Father.”

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Mary Lou.

May *she* gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Mary Lou.

May angels surround *her*, and saints welcome *her* in peace.

***Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our sister Mary Lou.***

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our sister, Mary Lou into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let her heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

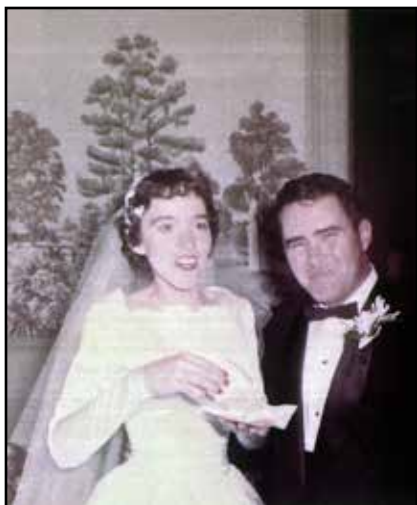
The Blessing

Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Mary Lou Cooper Wigger, 86, of Houston, died Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Buckner Parkway Place, Houston. She was born on July 29, 1937, to Maudie Mary Mercer Cooper and Thomas Henry Cooper, in Frazer County, Kentucky.

A home agent after graduating from the University of Kentucky, she met and married Dad in 1959, and they moved down to Texas in 1963. She loved her family and gave great parties! She was very involved in

our church life at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Mom was a part of Daughters of the King, the choir, and the kitchen once the new parish hall was built. She kept the books and drove on our paper route business. She and Dad were in bowling leagues and as Dad was a Shriner, she was a member of the Eastern Belles. When Dad started acting in Little Theater, Mom joined in on set work, special effects, and chorus of musicals. She was a great navigator on our many trips around the country.

Survivors include her sons, Robert Emmett Wigger and his wife, Marla, of Round Rock and Thomas Edward Wigger of Beaumont; daughters, Melanie Elizabeth Wigger of El Lago and Mary Ellen Wigger Matthews and her husband, Harlan, of Katy; sister-in-law, Geneva Cooper of Monticello, Kentucky; grandchildren, Heather, Hannah and Hailey Matthews; step-grandchildren, Stacy and Adam Daigle and Paulina Diaz-Alton; and numerous step great-grandchildren, step great-great- grandchildren, nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of over thirty-nine years, Eugene "Gene" Robert Wigger; son, Stuart Wigger; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Wigger; brothers, Dick Kaye and John Thomas Cooper; sisters, Geneva Cooper, Margaret Cooper Miles, Emogene Cooper, and Leta Faye Brammer; brothers-in-law, J.W. Miles, Shelby Thomas Brammer and Walter Gardner; and sister-in-law, Gertrude Gardner.





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to Texas. ^{with} Stuart and Carol, Mary Lou, Gaye













Graveside Service

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Magnolia Cemetery

Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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