



Diane C. Cooper

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Diane C. Cooper, age 76, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Brandywine Living at Seaside Pointe, Rehoboth Beach. Diane's passing brought to an end a ten year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on July 30, 1949, the third of three children of John R. and Marguerite Pugh Cavanaugh. Diane was born and spent her childhood in Portage, Wisconsin. There, she attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Portage High School in 1967. In 1970, she moved to Delaware.

It was in 1978 that mutual friends introduced her to the love of her life and future husband, Sam. She and Sam were married in a simple ceremony at his home on December 4, 1982. Diane worked at several jobs in the Lewes area before going to work at the Lewes Post Office in 1980 as a clerk and, at times, delivering mail as a substitute carrier. In 1986, Diane joined Sam and his mother in managing the family rental business.

It was at the post office that she met her dear and enduring friend Kaye Webb. Over the years, Kaye and Diane shared many experiences. For one, they spent many hours tole painting, then selling some of their creations at craft fairs. Diane was an avid reader. She also loved and enjoyed the many dogs she had over the years. She was a long-time member of the Lewes chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, relishing the good times she spent with her sorority sisters.

For the years he served as a Commissioner and Mayor of Rehoboth, it was in Diane that Sam found the support and peace to navigate tumultuous issues and times – in all things, she was his rock. By the people who knew her, she will be missed; however, her endearing spirit will live on in their hearts.



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Diane is preceded in death by her mother and father. She is survived by her husband, Samuel R. Cooper; a sister, Betty Cowley of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; a brother, Richard Cavanaugh of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; two nephews, Michael Cavanaugh of Wausau, Wisconsin, and Jason Cavanaugh of Appleton, Wisconsin.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, August 11, at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Rd., Rehoboth, where friends may call 1 hour prior. A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Burial will be in Epworth Cemetery, Henlopen Ave., Rehoboth.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library, P.O. Box 98, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971; or Rehoboth Beach Museum, 511 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 BY 3 PM. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



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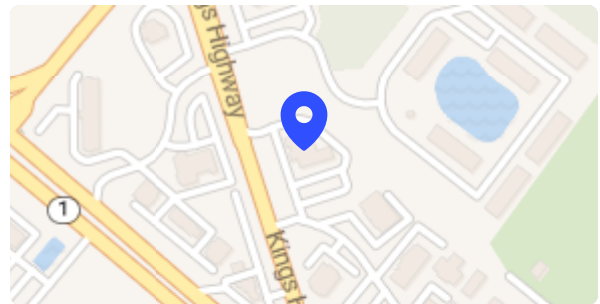
First Viewing

Sunday, August 10, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



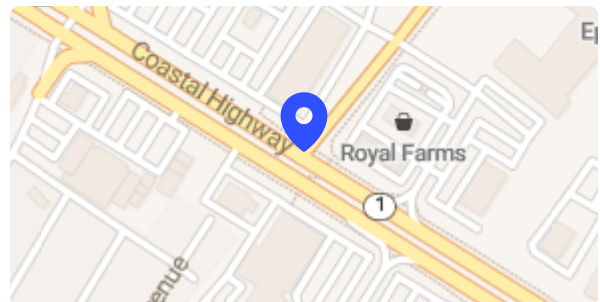
Second Viewing

Monday, August 11, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Epworth United Methodist Church

19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



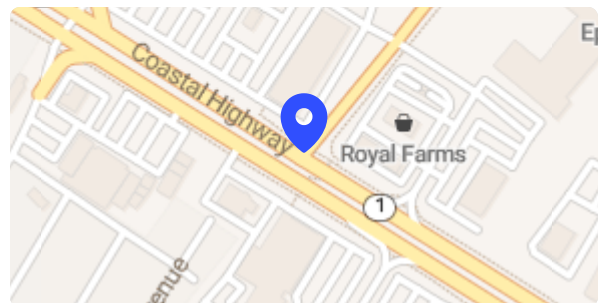
Funeral Service

Monday, August 11, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Epworth United Methodist Church

19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



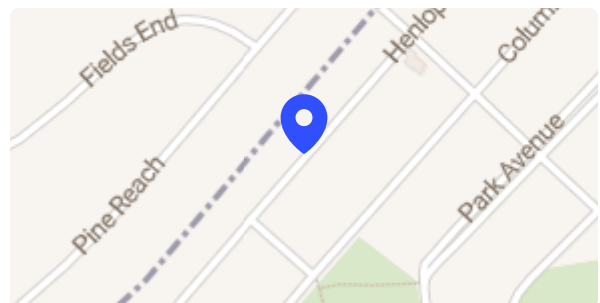
Interment

Monday, August 11, 2025

12:30 PM ET

Epworth Methodist Cemetery

159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





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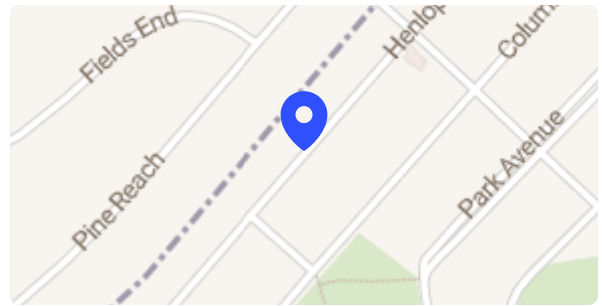
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Cemetery Details



Epworth Methodist Cemetery

159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





Tribute Wall

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Susan Allen posted:

Diane, you were a joy! Our numerous Spring middle of night arrivals to renovate/prepare #9 Dairy cottage (we tried to be quiet). To saving us with fresh water to make coffee (without our antifreeze pipe water). To your wit that had Marvin & I in hysterics, in the midst of our renovating. To sitting at your kitchen table, you and Grace with Sam floating in and out reminiscing of tales years long ago. The best times. Sam, she's free now and can remember her beautiful life with you. Susie Allen

August 21 at 1:58 PM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



August 11 at 7:19 AM



Tom, Stacy, Emily And Julia Zellers planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



August 10 at 5:47 PM



Tom, Stacy, Emily And Julia Zellers sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cooper family.



August 10 at 5:47 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



August 6 at 1:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Cooper family.



August 6 at 1:11 PM



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LB

Linda Bacon posted:

Dear Diane, So many memories and it all started with Princess House. Then we began our Girl Scout adventure. You helped me raise my kids. We were truly joined at the hip. Then life happened and we were separated by space. I thought of you often especially when I was in Ireland and saw Cavanaugh everywhere! You will always be in my heart. So glad the Sam and Diane thing worked out so well! Until we meet again—Love, Linda

August 5 at 3:13 PM

DV

David Charles Luther Vessels lit a candle in honor of Diane.

DEAR SAMMY: I AM TRULY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR WIFE DIANE, GOOD LUCK TO YOU SAMMY!

August 5 at 12:31 PM



DV

David Charles Luther Vessels lit a candle in honor of Diane.

DEAR SAMMY: I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOU R WIFE DIANE, GOOD LUCK AND BEST TO YOU, DAVID C L VESSELS

August 5 at 12:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cooper family.

August 5 at 9:48 AM



DB

Dottie Blakely posted:

My deepest condolences to those who loved Diane. May God hold you closer as you walk through the the new journey of loss. Dottie Blakely

August 5 at 8:11 AM



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Charlie Bacon posted:

Aunt Diane, While we may not have been close over these many years, I will forever cherish the memories you gave. Whether it was putting up the Christmas decorations you painted, laughing as Lucy barked at the imaginary mailman, catching up in Rehoboth at a cookout, or opening one of your many holiday cards—you had a way of being a presence in my life. You were there when I was an infant, there when I graduated high school, there when I left for the military, and there when I married Michele. You were a constant reminder that I had others who would listen and others who cared. You were always kind, always made time, and will be deeply missed. Love, Charlie, Michele and Jane

August 4 at 11:14 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



August 4 at 4:24 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Cooper family.



August 4 at 4:24 PM



Media

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

August 11 at 7:19 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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