



## Mary Doris (Cooper) Henderson

July 28, 1930 - December 21, 2025

Mary Doris Henderson (nee Cooper), age 95, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2025, in Waverly, NY.

Born July 28, 1930, in Olean, Ny, Mary was the daughter of Howard and Alice Cooper. She graduated from Randolph High School at the remarkable age of 16, a testament to her intelligence and determination from an early age.

Mary Built a long and respected career in banking. She began as a teller at the First National Bank of Bradford County and rose through the ranks to become a manager. Her leadership spanned branches in Greens Landing, Pa and South Waverly, Pa. She retired in 1991 after decades of dedicated service, during which she earned the respect of colleagues and customers alike.

While visiting relatives in Chambersburg after her graduation, she met and married the love of her life, Richard (Dick) Henderson, Jr. Their marriage lasted 64 years until Dick's passing in 2011. Together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and family.

Mary was a devoted mother to her daughters, Mary Alice Stetz (Buddy) and Valery Jean Henderson (Tom Hillman). She cherished her grandchildren- Zachary Pannone (Rimpi), Nicole Bryson (James), Ann Gentile and Clayton Stetz (Dania), and found great joy in her great-grandchildren, Xavier Wolfe, and Kiera Hymes. Mary Also has 2 stepsisters, Nina Cooper, and Nancy Bernard, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A woman of deep faith, Mary was a long-time member of St. James Catholic

Church in Waverly. She served on the Catholic Daughters of America and was a past president, reflecting her commitment to both her church community and charitable service.

Mary had a vibrant personality that brought joy to those around her. Known for her sense of humor and fun-loving spirit, she was always ready for a bingo game or a trip to a casino. A loyal fan of the Baltimore Orioles, she rarely missed following their games. She also was an avid follower of the Buffalo Bills. Her love of polka music filled many family gatherings with energy and dance. At home, she reigned as the undisputed family champion of 500 rummy- though she would be the first to admit that horseshoes were never quite her game.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard "Dick" Henderson, Jr; her parents, Howard and Alice Cooper; her brother Robert Cooper, half-brother Alan Cooper and stepmother, Leona Cooper.

Mary's legacy is one of warmth, laughter, devotion to family and unwavering faith. Her memory will continue to bring comfort and smile to all who knew her.

A remembrance and Celebration of the Life of Mary Doris (Cooper)

Henderson will be held Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA with Rev. Jeffrey Galens, pastor of Saint James Catholic Church, Waverly, officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Saint James Cemetery, Waverly, NY. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street  
Waverly, NY 14892

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home  
314 Desmond Street  
Sayre, PA 18840  
(570) 888-2113  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Doris (Cooper) Henderson.



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January 27 at 05:44 PM



“ Frenel DeMorin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Doris (Cooper) Henderson.

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**Frenel DeMorin** - January 27 at 05:44 PM



“ Mary Alice, I am sorry for your loss. Your mother had a dynamic personality.  
Pauline Cleveland

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**Pauline Cleveland** - December 31, 2025 at 10:28 AM