



Ralph Dale Cooley

August 3, 1925 - January 16, 2024

Ralph Dale Cooley, 98, of East Towanda, PA passed away Tuesday morning, January 16, 2024, at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Guthrie Memorial Hospital, Towanda PA .

Ralph was born on Aug. 3, 1925, son of the late Reed and Mildred Allen Cooley.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Max, David, Manley and Vern and two sisters, Elaine Daley and Donna Smith.

Ralph was a graduate of Towanda High School class of 1942. During World War II

Ralph worked on local farms, supporting the war effort. He worked for the North

Penn Power Company/Penelec for 40 years as a meter reader and then in the property records department.

He met his wife Eileen while the two worked at North Penn Power. They were married in the Wyalusing Presbyterian Church on Nov. 20, 1948. Ralph and Eileen

owned and operated Cooley's Greenhouse and Nursery in Wysox Township for

many years. Ralph was particularly proud of the landscaping jobs which he designed and planted. He had no formal design training but could be seen

carrying

graph paper as he designed projects. He was trained in landscape design, he said, by necessity. Later in life, as he rode around Bradford County, he would point

out houses that he had landscaped. He dearly loved planting and growing things

(and eating ice cream). For many years after retirement, Ralph and Eileen wintered in

Florida where they enjoyed an active physical and social life.

Ralph was a member of the Towanda First United Methodist Church and later the

Monroeton United Methodist Church. While raising his children, he was a youth

leader and through his life sang tenor in the church choirs.

Ralph is survived by his son Norvin Cooley and his wife Marilyn, his son Theron

and his daughter Rena' VanAllen and her husband John. He is also survived by

three grandchildren, Melissa Cooley and Austin and Preston VanAllen as well as

two great grandsons.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. There are no calling hours. Interment will be at the convenience of

the family. A celebration of Ralph's life is being planned by his children. Place and time will be announced at a later date. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Ralph and for these very late condolences. I just happened to come across this notice of his passing. He was the last of all his siblings to depart. I was married to Larry Cooley and I met Ralph a few times through Reed and Eleanor Cooley. He was a very sweet man and he was blessed to live a good long life. God rest his soul. Take care.

Mary (Novak) Cooley - August 29, 2024 at 11:58 PM

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“ Ralph and Eileen were good friends from the Pen-NY Mixers motorhome club. In addition, we would meet for dinner periodically and enjoyed several visits with them in Ocala. FL. If we know when Ralph's memorial/celebration of life service is being held we would be honored to attend.

Clair & Nora Marquart - March 05, 2024 at 07:39 AM

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“ To Rene, Theron and Norvin, So very sorry for your loss. Ralph was such a gentle soul with a sweet sense of humor. I enjoyed camping, singing, dining and visiting with him and your mom over the years. Lifting prayers of peace and comfort for your family during the difficult time. --Nancy (Landmesser) Sarver

Nancy Sarver - January 22, 2024 at 03:08 PM

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“ Rene, John & Family,
Very sorry for the loss of your Dad.
Best Regards
Amy O'Rourke

Amy - January 18, 2024 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Dorothy Sauro lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Cooley*



Dorothy Shay Sauro - January 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to Rena & John and
all of his friends and family.*



Claire Holton-Lizon - January 18, 2024 at 09:12 AM