



## Virginia Anne Hoover

October 7, 1945 - May 19, 2026

Virginia Anne Hoover, whose life was defined by faith, family, generosity, and an uncommon resilience, passed into eternity on May 19, 2026. She was 80. Born on October 7, 1945, in West Auburn, Pennsylvania, Virginia was the daughter of Bessie Barber and James Oliver. She came from humble beginnings, and those early years helped shape the strength, compassion, and perseverance that would become central to her character.

To many, she was known as a survivor, having lived with various forms of cancer over the last twenty-five years, while remaining focused on her concern and care for others. To those closest to her, her greatest gift was her steady presence — a quiet but powerful constancy rooted in her fierce love for her family and her Lord and Savior.

Virginia graduated from Wyalusing Valley High School and went on to build a life marked by hard work, service, and devotion to others. In 1965, she married Bernard Hoover, with whom she built a home in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania. For her, homemaking was an art form and together, they raised four children and built a successful sawmill business, a reflection of their determination and shared commitment.

At 45, when many might have settled into the life they had already built, Virginia returned to school to pursue a degree in nursing. It was a decision that reflected both her determination and her lifelong instinct to care for others. Having come from modest means, what she accomplished in her life was remarkable, and she remained generous to others throughout it.

As a mother, Virginia was immensely protective and guided by strong ethical and godly principles. She taught her children by example: to work hard, to remain faithful, to care deeply, and to endure with grace. Her home was filled with food, music, laughter, and the warmth of family life.

She loved baking, crafting, sewing, and collecting, and found joy in gardening, church, bird watching, photography, being outdoors, and taking in the beauty of nature -things she passed on to her children and grandchildren alike. Her creativity could be seen in the things she made, the meals she prepared and the traditions she helped create.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bernard Hoover; her children, Bernard Hoover Jr., Lisa Everhart (Aaron), Heidi Hoover, and Stephen Hoover (Monica); her grandchildren, Amber Hoover, Parker Everhart (Nicole), Dylan Everhart, Tanner Everhart, Hunter Hoover, and Stephen Hoover Jr.; and her great-grandchildren, Hudson Hoover, Rielynn Hoover and Mason Everhart. Virginia Anne Hoover leaves behind an indelible legacy — a life built not on ease, but on devotion; not on recognition, but on service; and not on words alone, but on the steady example she embodied for those who loved her.

Condolences are welcome at 1269 Paradise Rd., Wyalusing, PA 18853. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Virginia's memory to one of her favorite charities, SmileTrain.org. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).