



Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley

June 13, 1928 - December 27, 2019

Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley, 91, of Pisgah passed away Friday, 12-27-2019.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, 12-31-2019 at 1:00 pm from Scottsboro Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Pisgah Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday, 12-30-2019 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Scottsboro Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Sylvy Gilbreath Cooley was born on June 13th, 1928 and graduated to Heaven on December 27th, 2019. She is preceded in death by her husband and soul mate of fifty years Mr. Paul Cooley Jr. (Coach), her parents Theodore Roosevelt Gilbreath, Tressie May Hill Gilbreath, sister Sue Gilbreath McKesson, and her Great Grandson Joseph Paul Cooley.

She is survived by her son Caleb Michael Cooley, her other son Michael Barry Cooley, her daughter Kellie Cooley, and her great granddaughter Shelby Madison Cooley.

Paul Cooley Jr. met Elizabeth Gilbreath at Snead State Community College in 1949. They quickly fell in love with each other after finding out they both had goals of becoming teachers. They later got married in the English dorm that same year. After graduating, they moved to Jacksonville State University to

finish earning their degrees. After years of hard work, struggle, and dedicated studying they earned their educational degrees. They then moved to Henagar where they began their first teaching positions. In the following three years they moved in to Pisgah where they would impact and touch the lives of so many students and fellow teachers. After Coach Cooley took on the role of being the head coach to Scottsboro Wildcats, where they both impacted many lives, then in 1981 after retirement they took on their greatest role, that role being a parent to their grandson, Caleb Michael Cooley.

At the end of her life, her greatest accomplishment and happiness came from her great granddaughter, Shelby Cooley. After the legacy she left this young lady went on to win four state of Alabama titles at the AOHA horse show in Montgomery Alabama, twelve buckles in Jackson County, played basketball since age four up until seventh grade, softball, volleyball, and now is a member of the Scottsboro High School golf team. She is a straight A student at Scottsboro High School, where she takes part in Junior Civitan, Science Club, Chess club. As well as winning the state of Alabama BETA fiber arts competition and placing seventh in the nation at the national BETA competition in Oklahoma.

So in the words of coach and Mrs,]. Cooley “ Finish Well”.

(in lieu of flowers please send donations to the Cooley Foundation set up at Redstone Federal Credit Union in Scottsboro Alabama, account number, 510 140 965 42, for for the further advancement of education.

Cemetery Details

Pisgah Cemetery

Pisgah, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
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Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Karen Buckner Jones class of 1968. Mrs Cooley was always interested in what was going on in our families throughout the years. She always had encouraging words for us. She will be greatly missed at all the class reunions.*

Karen Jones - December 31, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Patsy Buckner class of 64.. Mr.s Cooley was a favorite teacher of mine. She was so good through the years to attend our class reunions. Condolences to you for this great loss.*

Pat boyd - December 31, 2019 at 08:52 AM

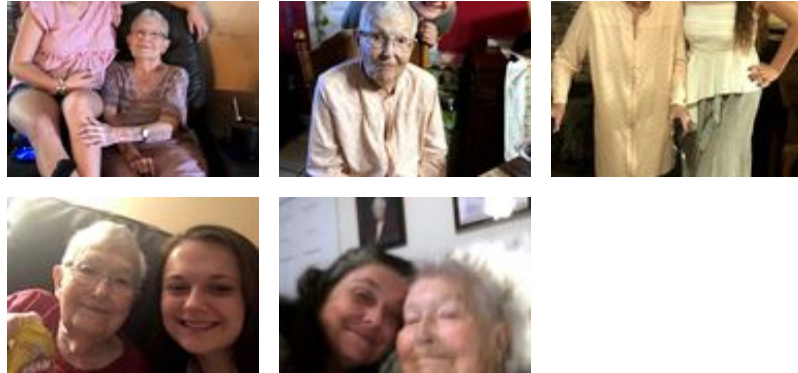


“ *Aunt Elizabeth, thank you for a lifetime of Wonderful memories. Of walking the creek next to your and Uncle Paul's farm in Pisgah during summer break and the treat of a peppermint stick with a glass of cold water from the fridge. Of your constant hospitality and bringing my kids to ride horses (and be chased by peacocks) But more importantly your and Uncle Paul's lifetime of service to the community and to your church. The life lessons the two of you taught and lived will continue to bless our world for years to come. Much love to you and Uncle Paul, Little Odean*

Odean Baker - December 30, 2019 at 10:59 PM



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - December 30, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! *Chad, Dwight and Fran Meeks*

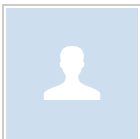
Fran Meeks - December 30, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley.*



December 30, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley.*



December 30, 2019 at 08:53 AM

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“ *Mrs. Cooley was a sweet soul! Prayers for the family!* 🙏🙏🙏



Sheila Lee - December 29, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley.*



December 29, 2019 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Mary (Burkhalter) Brantley Class of 1965 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvey Gilbreath Cooley.*



Mary (Burkhalter) Brantley Class of 1965 - December 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Cooley was much more than a teacher to me. She took me under her wings and inspired me to be more than I ever thought possible. She had a lasting impact on my life as a teenager and even to this day. The mold was definitely broken when God made her. Mrs. Cooley will be missed by all of us that she made an impact on- especially me! May God bless this family at this difficult time. Her family and all of the people that she met, taught and knew have some precious memories of our time with her. Mrs. Cooley, you can rest in the arms of your beloved God and Jesus. You have earned every blessing. I loved Mrs. Cooley and always will. Mary (Burkhalter) Brantley- Class of 1965

Mary Brantley - December 29, 2019 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ It was with great sadness to read of the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth. She was my former, co- worker, Jackson County Board of Education Member but most of all a dear friend. In 1961, when I began my teaching career at Pisgah, I had the opportunity to work with both Liz and Coach Cooley. Later I had the privilege of serving on the JCBOE with both of them. Mrs. Cooley was always pleased that we were the First Ladies to serve on the entity effecting the lives of many children. After retirement we stayed in close contact through phone calls, trips together, Face Book and visits. She truly loved her former students, co-workers, basketball , family and friends. Shelby was certainly her pride and joy. I extend my sincerest sympathy to Mike, Caleb, Kellie and Shelby. Rest assured Coach was there to greet her with open arms and learn of world happenings since his departure. I know God had a special spot reserved for their meeting. God bless the family now and in the days ahead.



Brenda Brown - December 29, 2019 at 01:12 PM