



## Mary Maxine Lyon Cook

July 21, 1926 - January 18, 2019

Mary Maxine Lyon Cook, 92, passed away peacefully in Atlanta, Georgia on Friday, January 18, 2019. Mary was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on July 21, 1926 to parents D'Palmer and Ivah Mildred (Anderson) Lyon.

While growing up in St. Joseph, Mary attended Central High School where she demonstrated a love for learning and athletics. She played basketball, bowled, fenced and began a life-time love of golf. After leaving high school she received a Medical Technician degree and practiced in local hospitals.

Mary met a young man from Georgia during the summer of 1944. He was stationed near Kansas City, Missouri. They met while she was life guarding at a local pool. As a young WWII Air Force private (and outstanding swimmer), he used his ingenuity to capture her attention by pretending to drown. The rest...is a love story spanning almost 56 years. Noel Winston Cook, became the love of her life. Noel and Mary married on September 5, 1947 and headed south to Atlanta, Georgia, their home for the remainder of their lives.

Mary and Noel formed a land surveying company which thrived for over 35 years. The business grew in parallel to Atlanta's growth. They surveyed many metropolitan areas including legacies such as The Martin Luther King Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Swan Lake, and other subdivisions and communities.

In 1959, Mary and Noel moved into their "dream" home in Druid Hills. This became their home for over 60 years raising a family of 4 daughters. Mary became a fixture in the Druid Hills area as decades passed. She was known as "Max" to her neighbors. She embodied what it meant to be a good neighbor. Max cherished her neighbors. She was quick to remember birthdays, lend support, or simply share her homemade goodies. The highlight of her last decade were outings with the notorious "Oakdale 4" (Cloe, Stacy, and Doris) and spending time with friends.

Mary was a member of the Druid Hills Garden Club and volunteered at Children's

Healthcare at Egleston Neonatal Unit, rocking babies. Mary had a passion for gardening, renovating her home, flower arranging, playing cards, puzzles, playing the piano, and reading.

Mary met the second love of her life in 2003, Leo Hamilton, a beautiful golden retriever who remained her constant companion for 14 years.

Mary is survived by her 4 daughters, Jan VanNote (Larry) Ashmore; Kim D'Palmer (David) Gesmundo; Sue Carter (Don) Erickson; Kay Noel (Mark) Pettit. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Noelle Ashmore (Doug) Brucki; Heather Ashmore (Dusty) Engleman; Karlea Ashmore (Jason) McCoy; Michael (Kirsten) Erickson; Dawn Erickson (Chris) Connell and 5 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 23, at 10:00 am in the Little Chapel of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, 1660 North Decatur Road. Donations can be made to Children's Healthcare at Egleston, 1405 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia (<https://www.choa.org>) or the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia (<https://atlantahumane.org>).

Condolences may be sent or viewed at [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com). Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Offering condolences for the loss of Ms. Cook and praying that God’s promise to swallow up death forever and wipe away the tears from all faces will provide a measure of comfort for your family. (Isaiah 25:8) Warm Regards, Kay

**Kay B.** - January 30 at 08:21 AM

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“ Mary was a good friend, a great neighbor and I loved her.

Mary Keeble

**david keeble** - January 24 at 10:59 AM

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“ May your wonderful memories of Max comfort you through this time of sorrow.

Chris Connell

**Chris D Connell** - January 22 at 04:48 PM



“ Thank you Senior!

**Sue Erickson** - January 24 at 06:59 PM