Jane Hazelwood Cooper, age 69, of Newport News, passed away Monday, September 26, peacefully at home with her three children by her side. She had a wonderful childhood growing up in the Brandon Heights neighborhood of Newport News because of the love of her parents and growing up surrounded by her four siblings. Jane graduated from Warwick High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Christopher Newport College in 1976. She was married to Carroll (Marc) Marcus Cooper, Jr. on September 28, 1979.

Jane had a vibrant and nurturing light that touched all those around her, especially her three children, Jack, Nathalie, and Marcus. Her love of children was evident not only by how wonderful of a mother she was, but by how many of her children’s friends became like her own. She opened her home and her heart to all, and she and her husband’s legendary hospitality were a constant source of joy for everyone.

She was active in the community, serving years as a member and eventually president of Hampton Roads Garden Club and as a member of the Junior League of Hampton Roads. She earned the Christopher Newport University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011 and volunteered in numerous organizations around the community.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband and best friend, Marc; mother, Regina Hazelwood; father, George Hazelwood; and brothers Pete and Robert Hazelwood. She is survived by her children, Jack, Nathalie Rose (Steve), and Marcus (Keli); her grandchildren, Benjamin (Boomer) Cooper Rose, Lucy Jane Rose, Anne (Annie) Hazel Cooper and another Baby Cooper on the way; her sisters, Mary Bateman (Bert) and Anne Fortson; and a host of extended family. A memorial service honoring Jane will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gaines Theatre in Christopher Newport University’s Freeman Center in Newport News. Jane’s family will host a reception at the James River Country Club immediately following the service. The burial will be held at a later date in the family graveyard at Monticello in Charlottesville. In lieu of flowers and in the generous spirit of Jane, contributions may be made to the Martha W. Goodson Memory Care Center, <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/riverside>.

Arrangements are under the care of Peninsula Funeral Home, 11144 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.