



## Irene Cooper Corkern

November 3, 1929 - July 18, 2020

IRENE COOPER CORKERN, AGE 90

And a resident of Franklinton died peacefully at home Saturday night July 18, 2020. She was a longtime member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church that truly loved the Lord and her church family. She operated Linwood's Restaurant, along with her husband and family, for over 20 years. Irene loved fishing and gardening. She enjoyed cooking delicious meals for her family and friends every chance that she could. Irene was always a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

4 Sons and Daughters in law: Jimmy and Diane Bickham of Franklinton,  
Jerry and Shannon Bickham of Pine,  
Hayes and Ruby Bickham of Franklinton,  
Tommy and Candy Burnett of Arkansas

Grandchildren and Spouses: Jerry Bickham, II,  
Jason and Cindy Bickham,  
Craig and Melissa Bickham,  
Tommy and Melanie Bickham,  
Kimberly and Kenny Hartzog,  
James Bickham,  
Nikki and Zach Easterling

16 Great-grandchildren and 1 Great-great-grandchild

4 Sisters: Vivian Smith,  
Ruby Graves,  
Mildred Leathers,  
Patricia Shapiro,

Brother and Sister in law: Walter and Betty Cooper

2 Sisters in law and a Brother in law: Vermell and Joe Reid  
Paulette Sanders

Also numerous nieces, nephews, her beloved church family and many friends.

She was preceded in death recently by her husband of 53 years Linwood Corkern, her daughter Judy Bickham Erwin, grandsons Scott Erwin, Clint Bickham, parents Alton Cooper and Earnestine Hunt Cooper, sisters Beatrice Jenkins, Inez Passman, brothers Claude Cooper, Alton James Cooper, Mike Cooper, Bruce Cooper and other family members.

A graveside funeral service will be held in the Acy's Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery at 2:00 pm Tuesday July 21st with Eld. Edward Penton officiating.

Her grandsons will serve as Pallbearers.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Mrs Irene and I were the first graduating class of the adult education center to wear cap an gown . She was a lovely soul !*

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**kerry sawyer** - July 21, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene Cooper Corkern.*



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July 21, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ *I have many good memories of enjoying the great meals at Linwood's Restaurant during my working years in Franklinton. My deepest sympathy on the passing of Linwood & Irene. Both were good people, and good friends of mine. Sincerely, Dan Slocum.*

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**Dan Slocum** - July 20, 2020 at 03:26 PM

TB

“ *Our thoughts are with the family during this difficult time. Wishing you strength and peace.*

*Luke and Tam Brooks*

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**Tam Brooks** - July 20, 2020 at 01:38 PM

KW

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Irene and Linwood. So hard to lose both in such a short period of time. You know they both loved The Lord and are together in heaven now.

May you have peace,

Ray & Kaye Williams

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**Kaye Williams** - July 20, 2020 at 11:50 AM

SB

“ New Irene was always the sweetest person to me. Sending my condolences to the family.



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**susan barber** - July 20, 2020 at 08:45 AM

CJ

“ Hayes,Ruby and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms Irene. Such a sweet lady and wonderful cook. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort. Love you.  
Cathy Johnston

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**Cathy Johnston** - July 20, 2020 at 01:53 AM

LM

“ Lynette McElveen lit a candle in memory of Irene Cooper Corkern



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**Lynette McElveen** - July 19, 2020 at 11:10 PM

LM

*Such a sweet precious lady!!*

**Lynette McElveen** - July 19, 2020 at 11:11 PM

AN

“ Praying 🙏❤️ beautiful family so sorry for the lost me as her sweet lady

**Angelicia** - July 19, 2020 at 09:22 PM

BD

“ I'm so sorry to see that "Aunt Irene" passed. Family, please accept my condolences.  
*Bonnie Dier*  
*Bonnie Hunt Magee's granddaughter.*



**Bonnie Dier** - July 19, 2020 at 07:40 PM

GW

“ Praying for the family. Sorry to her this Kimberly.



**gail willie** - July 19, 2020 at 07:29 PM

 Juanita Luper

“ Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Irene Cooper Corkern



**Juanita Luper** - July 19, 2020 at 06:52 PM