



Charis Cooper Clerico

February 16, 1917 - August 21, 2017

Charis Cooper Clerico (1917-2017) passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior on August 21, 2017. Born in Wilmington, NY, she moved to Orlando with her family in the 1920's and attended Orange County schools, where her father, Claude Cooper, served as Chairman of the School Board. Following graduation from Orlando High School, she worked for her father for several years in Orlando's first music store: Cooper Music. In 1939, she enrolled in the Christian Education Program at Nyack College, Nyack, NY, from which she graduated in 1942. She moved to New York City where she met her husband, Ossie, while managing a Christian bookstore there. When Ossie received orders for overseas duty, Charis returned to Orlando in 1944. Charis served for several years as Director of Orlando's Primrose School and was a faithful member of the First Alliance Church of Orlando where she coordinated weddings, church conferences, and directed the children's and nursery programs. Charis was a highly respected needle-pointer and quilter with exhibitions in many Orlando locations. In recent years, Charis was a resident of the Alliance Retirement Community, Deland, FL, where she became well-known for her knitting expertise. Dozens of lap robes and blankets were given to friends and family and in May 2017, she was declared an "Everyday Hero" by Channel 13 NewsTV, Daytona Beach, in recognition of the hundreds of baby blankets she had knitted and sent to children in Mali, West Africa. Charis was predeceased by her daughter, Karen Clerico, and her husband, Oswald C. Clerico. She is survived by: her sister, Jane C. White; her sons Donald,

Bruce, and Neil; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. A celebration of Charis' life will be held at the Alliance Chapel in Deland at 10am on Saturday morning, September 16, 2017. In lieu of gifts or flowers, donations can be made in Charis' name to the Alliance Retirement Community, 600 S. Florida Ave, Deland, FL, 32720.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ronnie Santeusanio lit a candle in memory of Charis Cooper Clerico*



Ronnie Santeusanio - August 22, 2017 at 12:45 PM

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*Dear Bruce and Clerico family,
I have a treasure chest of memories of your sweet Mom, Charis. She embraced me into her heart and home the first time I met her during my college years. She became a mentor, friend, "my boss" for a few years, and someone I always admired and looked up to. She must be thrilled to now be home and see her Jesus, your Dad, and sister Karen. Keep living her legacy!*

Ronnie Santeusanio - August 22, 2017 at 12:58 PM

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“ *We're so sorry, Bruce. Your mom is part of our good young adult memories. She was such a classy lady when we knew her during those few years at First Alliance. ~~ Bob and Rhoda Atchison*

Bob Atchison - August 22, 2017 at 07:27 AM