



## Mary Eileen Cookman

February 10, 1919 - February 25, 2006

North Fort Myers - Mary Eileen Gray Cookman, 87, passed away February 25 at the North Fort Myers, Florida, home of her daughter and son-in-law Sandi and Max Ross, under the loving care of both her family and her Hope Hospice care givers. A member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Cape Coral, Florida, and the South Meridian Church of God, Anderson, Indiana, Mary was born February 10, 1919 in Rush County, Indiana, and spent her adult life in the Anderson-Middletown area where she retired from Delco Remy Division of General Motors Corporation. Preceding her in death are her husband of 63 years Forrest ?Cookie? Cookman and her parents Jesse and Blanche Wolverton Gray. Survivors include her two sons Michael wife Sharon Cookman of Anderson, Indiana and Ted wife Linda Cookman of El Paso, Texas and her daughter Sandi husband Max Ross of North Ft. Myers, Florida. Also, her treasured brother-in-law John Cookman of North Ft. Myers, Florida and her dear uncle William L. Wolverton, Anderson, Indiana, with whom she was raised after the death of her mother. Mary Eileen leaves behind 9 beloved grandchildren: Kevin wife Noel Cookman of London, England, Michelle Cookman of Anderson, Indiana, Max O. Ross III of Gary, Indiana, Desiree husband Dennis Tilford of Fontana, California, Janie husband Jeff Hubble of Pendleton, Indiana, Tim wife Stacey Ross of Florida Station, Indiana, John Fox of Denver, Colorado, Jordan wife Beth Cookman of San Jose, California and Matt wife Connie Cookman of Pendleton, Indiana. Mary Eileen is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren all of whom she adored: Forrest and Molly

Cookman of London, England, Bailey Eileen and Tamsin Tilford of Fontana, California, Cody and Kaily Hubble of Pendleton, Indiana, Brian, Brandy, and Austin Ross of Florida Station, Indiana, Olivia Cookman of San Jose, California, and Brittney, Katie and Matthew Torrence of Pendleton, Indiana. Also surviving are fifteen dear nieces and nephews and their children, long-time friends and neighbors, and her wonderful Tamiami Village Community Family. Mary Eileen's memory would be honored by a donation to Hope Hospice of Cape Coral, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, Florida 33909. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM, Thursday, March 2, 2006, at South Meridian Church of God, 2402 Meridian Street, Anderson with the Rev. Gary Ausbun, officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson and one hour before the services at the church. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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*“ I shall miss my friend, Mary. My husband and I shared happy times with Forrest and Mary, bowling and traveling together when we lived in the Merritt Island, Florida area. Good friends, good memories.*

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**Selma Hunter** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ Grandma Cookman loved others earnestly without reservation and gave generously without hesitation. We feel honored she called us family and blessed she touched our lives.*

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**John and Gary Fox-Russell** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ We have many happy memories of Mary and will miss her. She was ready to go home and be with Cookie again, knowing that she will be happy makes her leaving us a little easier.*

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**ART AND DIANE MINIEAR** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ Eileen will always have a special place in my heart. I wish I was there to pay my respects in person. Please know that the family is in my prayers. John Nelson and John Charles will both be arriving Wednesday afternoon and staying through Thursday. With love and hugs, Kathy*

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**Kathy John Charles Cookman** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*“ Mary will be remembered for being kind, generous and loving. You were never a stranger, always a friend.*

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**John & Linda Erkkila** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A very special lady and friend.*

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**Frances C. Ross** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM