



Loretta M Bolar

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Loretta M. Bolar, 88, born on November 19, 1937 in St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on March 3, 2026. She was the beloved daughter of the late Percy and Devolia (Jackson) Cooksey.

Loretta was raised in St. Louis and was a proud graduate of Sumner High School. She lived a life grounded in the Christian faith and carried that foundation into everything she did. She dedicated more than twenty years of service to Schnucks Grocery, where she made lasting friendships and was known for her warm and dependable spirit.

In 2020, Loretta relocated from Colorado to Fort Myers, Florida, where she continued to enjoy life's simple and peaceful joys. In her spare time, she loved reading, going for walks, and spending quiet moments working on puzzles and word search books.

She is survived by her son, Keith Gilmore and his wife Bridget, of Fort Myers. Loretta was a loving grandmother to Keith, Keyontay, Kierre, Grace, and Grant, and leaves behind a host of cherished great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Percy Cooksey, Calvin Cooksey, Adolf Cooksey, and Teddy Cooksey.

A funeral service honoring Loretta's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Loretta will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her love of family, and the kindness she extended to all who knew her.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, March 13, 2026

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907



Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM ET

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Robert Cunningham lit a candle in honor of Loretta.

Loretta was guiding light of truth. When she called me to see how I was doing or I called her it was always good. I am truly grateful for her wisdom and truth. If it was about life or politics it was a always a joy. This for years when we lived in apartment Hillcrest i was in high school and now I am 63 years old and every conversation and all the love she showed to I am forever grateful for my cousin. She always made feel I was loved and special she was a gift. I will miss her until I leave this planet this ride would have not been the same with you. Love Bobby ♥



March 13 at 7:09 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Bolar family.



March 12 at 11:54 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Loretta.



March 12 at 11:54 AM



Lori Snit posted:

Loretta and I go back a few years. I've so enjoyed getting to take care of her. Telling our jokes, singing, cards and puzzles she taught me how to do. She will forever live in my ♥. Our favorite saying when one of us won in cards was. Winner winner chicken dinner. Rest in peace my dear friend. Lori

March 9 at 7:19 PM



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Tyra Cooksey posted:

Aunt Loretta was one of the most honest and direct people I ever had the privilege of knowing. She spoke the truth with courage and clarity, and everyone who knew her understood that her words always came from a place of sincerity and strength. Beneath that straightforward spirit was a heart deeply devoted to the people she loved most. She held a special and lifelong love for her brothers, cherishing those family bonds with pride and loyalty. Above all else, her greatest joy was her son, Keith, whom she loved with her whole heart and admired beyond words. Her devotion to him was constant and unwavering, and it was clear to anyone who knew her that he was the center of her world. Aunt Loretta's strength, honesty, and deep love for her family will remain a lasting part of the lives she touched.

March 9 at 11:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loretta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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