

Jocelyn Cooper Stover

Jocelyn "Jocey" Cooper Stover, of Topsham, passed away Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born in Belfast, April 7, 1961, the daughter of the late Douglas Keniston Cooper and Virginia Stickney Cooper, Jocey grew up in Wiscasset, graduating from Wiscasset High School in 1979.

She earned an associate degree in business from Nason College of Springvale; a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Southern Maine; and completed the management development program at Bath Iron Works, where she most recently worked in procurement. Previous employment included Custom Electronics, Dead River Oil Company, Scott Fox and Associates CPA, and Greg Smith CPA.

Jocey collected friends from all walks of life and across generations. Her selflessness and passion were evident in everything she did, from cooking and officiating weddings, to negotiating contracts at Bath Iron Works. She inspired and encouraged family and friends to rise to their utmost potential.

A doer since birth, Jocey showed her passion for cooking at the age of 2 when she was discovered frying eggs all by herself on the kitchen stove, much to the consternation of her mother and brother. As a teen, she scooped ice cream; became a manager at McDonald's in Bath, where she met some of her closest and dearest friends; and was assistant chef at Wiscasset's Le Garage restaurant.

Her blueberry cakes graced dozens of wedding celebrations; cookies, whoopee pies and jams filled hundreds of Christmas packages. She was sought after for her lasagna, cheesecakes, and to the delight of her nieces and nephews, Grasshopper Pie.

Jocelyn's daughter Madison was the apple of her eye. She gave her heart and soul to nurturing this gracious young woman and many of her friends. A devoted volunteer, Jocey gave her time and expertise to Topsham groups, including Girl Scouts. She was a sports team mom and community fundraiser. Jocey worked to ensure success for all involved. For the past three years, she helped to organize the Drive Out Cancer Play Day among regional high school field hockey teams to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program. This year's Play Day honored Jocey's positive impact on so many lives dealing with this miserable disease.

Jocelyn is survived by her husband, Lawrence Stover, and daughter, Madison Stover, of Topsham. Immediate family includes her mother, Virginia Cooper, of Wiscasset; and siblings, Ida Cooper Peterson, and husband Jeffrey Peterson, of Falls Church, Va.; Douglas Keniston Cooper Jr., of Wiscasset; Laura Cooper Chaney, and husband Michael Chaney, of Alna; and Olivia Cooper, of Concord, N.H.; Her in-laws include her father-in-law Willard Stover, of Lincoln, Mich.; and sister-in-law Laurie Stover Hiop and husband Charles Hiop, of Eastpointe, Mich. She leaves behind nephews Daniel, Philip, and Eben Chaney; and James Peterson; and nieces, Jessica Chaney Richards and Shannon Hiop.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to:

Mt. Ararat High School
Girls Field Hockey Program
Topsham, Maine