

## Ruth Wrightstone (1906 - 1996)

Ruth M. Wrightstone was born September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906<sup>1</sup> to Jonathan Wrightstone and Berta Stoner in Siddonsburg, Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania.

Ruth had a child with Samuel Cooper,<sup>2</sup> but we are uncertain if they were married.

- i. Dorothy Jane Cooper was born in 1925. Dorothy was 17 years old when she married 20 year old Warren Harding Deitz on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1942 in Lemoyne Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Warren was born 1922 to Elmer E. Deitz and Irene Fortney.<sup>3</sup>

Ruth was 22 years old when she married 30 year old Charles A. Shaffer on June 18<sup>th</sup> 1929. Charles was born March 14<sup>th</sup> 1902 to Frank L. Shaffer and Mary A. Martz.<sup>4</sup>

Since their marriage, and including up to the 1940s, Ruth and Charles lived her parents, Jonathan and Sarah Wrightstone. Charles worked as a truck driver for the local furniture store, and as a laborer for the Works Progress Administration.<sup>5</sup>

Ruth was still living in Lemoyne when her sister, Laura Wrightstone-Critchley died in 1988.<sup>6</sup>

Charles died at 62 years old on June 1970.<sup>7</sup> Ruth died at 89 years old on April 1996.<sup>8</sup>

Ruth and Charles had

- ii. Zean M. Shaffer was born 1934.

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<sup>2</sup> Ruth M. Wrightstone Mother of Dorothy Jane Cooper: This relationship came from Dorothy's marriage application, Reference ID: 77; GS Film Number: 21218; Digital Folder Number: 004455290; Image Number: 00047; Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950, index and images, FamilySearch, <https://familysearch.org>; Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

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<sup>5</sup> Works Progress Administration: The name was renamed in 1939 as the Work Projects Administration (WPA). The WPA was the largest and most ambitious new deal agency established by President Roosevelt. The agency employed millions of unemployed people (mostly unskilled men) to carry out local public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.

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