

Willie J. Cooper, Jr.

Sunrise July 24, 1935 Sunset April 26, 2012

Friday, May 4, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH** 396-406 South 12th Street • Newark, NJ

<u>Obituary</u>

*On July 24, 1935, one out of fourteen children, Willie James Cooper, Jr. was born to the late Willie Sr. and Sue Cooper in Georgetown, GA.* 

Nicknamed Buck, by his siblings due to his muscular built. In 1952, at the age of seventeen found his way to Newark, NJ, where he started a life and made it home for the next sixty years. Shortly, after his arrival he began working at Kenilworth Scrap and Metal where he worked for over forty years until the company closed. He then went on to work for Jersey City Chemical Corp. until his retirement in 2007.

In 1953, Willie was introduced by his aunt to a young lady Lillie Law. Two years later, they were married on August 18, 1956, Willie and Lillie Cooper bore five children out of this marriage, Jackie, Dennis, Brenda, Anthony and Alisa Cooper.

Willie more than anything enjoyed family. May it be cookouts with his sisters, Sweetie and Mary, Sunday dinners with in-laws, Essie-Mae, or vacations with Jeannette and Willie, but most of all his enjoyment came from his grandkids and great-grands until he slipped away to glory on April 26, 2012.

Willie Cooper was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Sr. and Sue Cooper siblings, Joe Jones, Johnny Richardson, Junior Cooper, Big Man Cooper, Wilma Cooper, Williemae Cooper and Frankie Cooper.

Willie leaves to cherish his wife of fifty-six years, Lillie Cooper; their children, Jackie Cooper, Dennis Cooper, Brenda Cooper Bentley, Alisa White and Anthony Cooper; a daughter-in-law, Carol Cooper and son-in-law, Tariq White; four sisters, Heaster Williams, Mamie Gissendanner, Rose Darling and Annie Frost; one brother, Jack Frost; twelve grandkids; nineteen great grandkids; and a host of other relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

#### **Musical Prelude**

#### Processional

## **Opening Hymn**

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

#### **Prayer of Comfort**

Selection Shontell Law

# Acknowledgement / Resolutions

**Remarks** Dennis Cooper Rev. Clarence Goodman

#### **Obituary**

**Selection** Willie Brantley

**Eulogy** Minister J. Nixon

Recessional

## **Entombment**

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

Repast to follow after the interment back at the church.

# For You

For you, these tears we shed For you, the one that was always there For you, our Solid Rock thru it all. For you, our example of strong.

Forever our example of a true man. Somehow one way or another you were all of our DAD. Our family's provider. The only provider some of us had.

*A* day will never past that your not thought of May it be trips to Kingsburg



or fun times on 11th Street A day never passed that we doubted your love.

From watching westerns to the discovery channel, that will all be missed. Or you sitting at the table with coffee and a crossword. Definitely a time I would ask for if I could be granted one wish.

> Indeed it's been a long struggle. But for us you held on. We said our goodbye's said, "Let Go" And you went on home.

You meant so much to us, we could never express We thank God for you in our lives. But we'll shed a few more tears as we lay you to rest ~From the Girls

# Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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