

A portrait of Mr. Robert "Bossman" Cooper, an elderly African American man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. He is resting his chin on his hand. The background is a blue sky with a large American flag waving. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Home Going Service
To Honor The Life of
Mr. Robert "Bossman" Cooper

Sunrise
July 28, 1930

Sunset
July 31, 2015

Saturday, August 8, 2015 - 9:00 am

Christ Church United Methodist
644 East 27th Street • Paterson, NJ
Rev. Pamela Grant-James, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Robert Cooper, known to many as "Bossman", son of the late Joseph Cooper and Pearl Cooper Gordon, husband of the late Betty Louise Cooper, and father to the late Emmagene Cooper, was born July 28, 1930 in Hiltonia, Georgia. He departed this life on Friday, July 31, 2015 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey.

Robert Cooper was educated in his youth in the Georgia Public School System of Hiltonia. He then served and protected his country bravely as a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he later relocated to Paterson, NJ where he met and married the love of his life. Robert was an employee for General Electric (GE) for many years before moving on to work in the custodial field for North Jersey Developmental Center and Grand Union from which he later retired.

Mr. Cooper was a follower of Christ. He was an avid member at Christ Church United Methodist where he served on the Usher Board, United Methodist Men, and as the President of the Trustee Board. Robert was also a member of the American Legion Veterans Organization. In addition to serving on many platforms in the community, he enjoyed leisure activities such as fishing, watching old western films, and spending time with his loving family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Louise Cooper, his daughter, Emmagene Cooper, his brothers, James and Mose Cooper, and his sister Flonnie Mae Mills.

He leaves behind to cherish precious memories: his step-daughter, Beverly Streater (New Jersey), his grandchildren: Essence Carson (New Jersey), Latasha Carson (New Jersey), Deon Carson (New Jersey), Kevin Evans (Wyoming), Shaquille Thomas (New Jersey), Renee Ryan (Georgia), Venus Carson (New Jersey), David Carson (New Jersey), Victoria Carson (New Jersey), Clifford Carson Jr. (New Jersey), Jahmir Rountree (New Jersey), nieces: Nettie Pearl Davis (Georgia), Suzette Mills (Georgia) and Marva Stewart (Georgia), nephews: Marlon Cooper, Eric Mills, and Gary Mills (Georgia), a host of great-grandchildren, and best-friends Shirley Jordan, Cloyd "Homeboy" Russell Jr., and Robert Trent.

Order of Service

Prelude.....*Richard Fulcher, Organist*

Word of Grace

Musical Selection.....“*I Won’t Complain*”*Robin Johnson, Soloist*

Prayer Of Comfort.....*Rev. Thomas Blake*

Scriptural Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 91.....*Rev. Thomas Blake*

New Testament - Revelations 21 *Rev. Thomas Blake*

Musical Selection..... *Robin Johnson, Soloist*

Remarks.....*Minister Rolonda Oliver*

Pastor William Bishop

Riteway Ministries

Family and Friends may briefly voice their thankfulness to God for the grace they have received in the life of Robert Cooper.

Expressions..... *limited to 2 minutes*

Reflections of Life

Obituary and Acknowledgments..... *Sis. Joyce McKnight-Young*

Poem.....*Sis. Arlena Clayton*

Musical Selection:“*Order My Steps*”....*Richard Fulcher/ Essence Carson*

Sermon*Pastor Pamela James*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional“*I’ll Fly Away*”....*Robin Johnson and Christ Church UM Choir*

Postlude*Richard Fulcher, Organist*

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The Family of **Robert Cooper** wishes to acknowledge with immense gratitude all prayers, telephone calls and any acts of kindness extended towards us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.

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