



In Loving Memory of

Cooper Lee Cummings

Sunrise: July 29, 1926

Sunset: March 9, 2018

Service

Friday, March 16, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

737 E. 6th Street • New York, NY

The Life of Cooper Lee Cummings

Cooper Lee the beloved daughter of the late Emma West and Joseph West, born, July 29, 1926.

She was educated in the public school system in Orangeburg, South Carolina and New York.

Cooper Lee and her late husband, Malvin Cummings were married on September 6, 1947. From this union two children were born, Laverne and Irving.

Cooper Lee was employed at the Village Nurse Home in Manhattan as a Healthcare Worker. Later years she continued her education and became a dietitian and was employed by the Board of Education.

She enjoyed cooking and on a Sunday afternoon you would be sure to get a great Sunday dinner. One of her best dessert was her pineapple upside down cake.

As a mother, she was someone who would warm you with her heart, who would teach you the lessons of life, and nurture you with kindness and compassion. She would strengthen you with her words of encouragement. She was someone that would dream your dreams and inspire you to reach for your own star. You could have a conversation with her on any topic and at the end of the conversation she would let you know that no matter what you are going through that God loves you unconditional. She would help you to understand that the abundant life also involves acknowledging the Lord in all we do.

Cooper Lee was very active at Emmanuel, she was the President of the Deacon Board, President of the Gospel Choir, and member of the Usher Board, she hosted coffee hour after Sunday morning worship. During the early years at Emmanuel, she was also a Cub Scout leader.

After a long battle with her illness, Cooper Lee was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Bellevue Hospital Center. She was preceded in death by her son, Irving Cummings and sister, Alberta Simmons. She is survived by: her daughter, Elder Laverne Cummings; granddaughter, Ramona Cummings; grandson, Jermaine Harden; three great-grandchildren, MaKenize, Bria and Jady; sister, Josephine Gurley; devoted daughter-in-law, Patricia Cummings; Calvin Beverly, who was very devoted; a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends; and adopted daughters, sons, and grandchildren who all called her Grandma.

***We cannot see the future, nor the trails we must face.
But in all things, God promises us sufficiency of Grace.***

Order of Service

Musical Interlude.....Sister Spencer

Processional Hymn

Invocation

Congregational Hymn.....“What A Mighty God We Serve”

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Ms. Ayo Haynes

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.....Ms. Ayo Haynes

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Sister Janet Gibson

Acknowledgements.....Sister Betty Anderson

Remarks and Reflections.....Family and Friends

Musical Selection.....Sister Spencer

The Life of Cooper of Cummings

Solo

Eulogy.....Rev. Earlean Oliver

Final Viewing

Benediction.....Rev. Earlean Oliver

Recessional Hymn.....“It Is Well With My Soul”Sister Spencer

Interment

*Calverton National Park Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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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 words of kindness, as only a friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. What ever you did to console our hearts - we thank you so much!

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