



In Loving Memory of
Irene Mae Cooper

Sunrise
May 9, 1939

Sunset
November 21, 2019

Service
Monday, December 2, 2019 • 12:00 noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Walt Soney, Organist

Obituary

For we know that if the tent is our earthly home is destroyed we have a building from God a house not made with hands , eternal in the heavens. (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Irene West Cooper was born on May 9, 1939 in Warrington N.C to the late Joe and Lucy West.

Irene was educated in the school system in Warrington N.C. At age 17 she left North Carolina and relocated to New York City.

In 1961 she met and married Robert Cooper . She relocated to East Orange, New Jersey in 1962 . She was a housewife for six years. A very devoted mother to her son Melvin (Hasan) A. West. She later began employment with MB Life Insurance Agency in Newark, New Jersey. She worked with the company for twenty years as a full time employee.

Irene's journey as a Christian started in North Carolina , she joined Clinton Memorial Baptist Church where she served faithfully as a usher and steward. In 1984 she moved her membership to Messiah Baptist Church in East Orange New Jersey in which she served faithfully on the usher ministry. Irene's favorite scripture was Psalms 23. Her favorite hymn is "I must tell Jesus".

Irene's zest for life was inclusive of many interest; she loved meeting new people as well as keeping in touch with her school friends of 65 years. She had a love for children and instilled in them many things, one of them being the importance of having a relationship with Christ. She loved to bring smiles to other people faces especially when they were not at their best. One of her fondest memories was with being with her cousin Diane at her restaurant "Jay E's" in Newark, New Jersey. Irene was a lover of many things including but not limited to music, artwork, playing cards, and poetry. She had an eye for nice things especially jewelry. Irene was always intentional in spreading kindness to those she met on her earthly journey.

On Thursday, November 21st , 2019 . Irene quietly and peacefully transitioned from labor to reward to be with her Lord. Her last request was to tell family members how much she loved them. Starting with her brother and sister Joe and Lily West from North Carolina, nieces and nephews.

"Melvin you are my life, you know that I just needed you so much....."

"To my grandson Hasan West I want you to be all that you can be".....

"My Sam (Samirah) , I want you to be a very confident beautiful women and pursue all your dreams always putting God first....."

She leaves to cherish and honor those of us who cherished her memory her son Melvin West (Tuesday West) of Philadelphia, Pa, grandson Hasan West, granddaughter Samirah West , great grandson Munir West and great granddaughter Suhayla West, and a host of other family members and friends.

Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, grace, and mercy gently closed her eyes and carried her home.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....Walt Soney

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Edward Allen

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Edward Allen

Selection.....Walt Soney

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy.....Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

If Roses Grow In Heaven

*If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Irene Cooper** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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