



Mary Lizzie Cooper

December 15, 1945 - November 20, 2023

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” - Proverbs 3: 5-6

On December 15, 1945, the late Watson and Mila Jones Cooper added a blessing to the historical community of Coopertown, in Gough (Burke County), Georgia. Mary Lizzie Cooper, affectionately known to everyone as Ice Cream, was the fourth of seven children. Contrary to society’s stigmas about middle children, Mary’s nickname proved otherwise. Even though she preferred simplicity, Ice Cream’s admirable attributes could never go unnoticed; her optimistic aura, sweet spirit and articulate expressions effortlessly inspired others to do their best!

Three of her loving and protective brothers preceded her in death: Parrish Cooper, Willie Cooper and Daniel Cooper.

Educated in both Georgia and Florida school systems, Mary attended Waynesboro Elementary, Silas X. Floyd Elementary and Charles T. Elementary School in Augusta, Georgia. Nurtured by her maternal grandmother, Ice Cream quickly learned the difference between working hard and hardly working while picking cotton with her grandmother. During playtime, she enjoyed emulating the role of a teacher and making mudpies with her older sister Thelma. Once the Cooper family migrated to Florida in 1957, Mary attended Charles R. Drew Elementary School, Coleman Elementary and Carter G. Woodson Elementary School, in Pompano Beach.

During breaks, she either picked beans or babysat for mothers who worked laborious hours in the fields. In 1965, she became a proud graduate of Blanche Ely High School.

At an early age, Ice Cream accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, at Second New Hope Baptist Church, in Augusta, Georgia, under the leadership of the late Rev. Frank Butler. Later, she joined Full Gospel Christian Center in Pompano Beach. Following, she was an active member of Cathedral Church of God in Deerfield Beach, under the leadership of Bishop Billy Gowdy.

Mary was an independent thinker and self-starter. Immediately after graduating from high school, she worked and saved for five years to financially support herself through college. Her three-year collegiate matriculation began at Texas College, in Tyler, Texas, and ended in Miami. In 1971, she was initiated into the Delta Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, on the campus of Florida Memorial College. In 1973, Mary earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Florida Memorial College. Shortly thereafter, she began working for Broward County Public Schools. Her childhood role as a teacher had come to fruition. Mary began her professional career as a third-grade teacher at Cresthaven Elementary School. She remained with Broward County Public Schools until retirement. After retiring, she became a crossing guard for several years.

Mary was a devoted Life Member, Golden Soror and current General Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was a Charter Member of the Kappa Kappa Omega Chapter in Pompano Beach, where she also served as the Chapter's first Vice President.

Ice Cream was a thoughtful, loving sister, aunt, soror and friend. She cherished her family, church, classmates, sorority and community. She also enjoyed gardening and crocheting. She treated everyone she encountered with dignity and respect and gave unselfishly. On Friday, November 17, 2023, a voice spoke to her saying, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." – Proverbs 16:3. While humming Lucinda Moore's, "Safe in His Arms," she reflected on precious moments with loved

ones who preceded her in death: her maternal grandmother, Amanda Jones and her sister, Thelma Bay Bay Cooper Griffin, and her brothers, Parrish Cooper, Willie Cooper and Daniel Cooper. At last, she began singing, "Take Me to the King."

Ice Cream's life will forever be treasured by the lives she touched. Those left to cherish her loving and precious memories are her surviving siblings: Watson Cooper, Thomas (Patricia) Cooper and Marie Cooper; two sisters-in-law: Suzanne Cooper and Linda Faye Cooper; and a multitude of nephews, nieces, cousins, caring friends, Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Blanche Ely High School's Class of 1965.

Cemetery Details

Pineview Cemetery

400 SW 3rd Avenue
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Previous Events

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Church of God
365 S. Dixie Hwy
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Cousin Mary, I just found out today that you had passed. Our last telephone call was too short, and I have been missing and trying to reach you. I miss you checking on me and keeping me informed of our family. I love you.*

Brenda Dixon - February 08, 2024 at 09:34 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to the family and friends. I will forever cherish the memories of the many chats we had through the years. Mary always kept me informed as to what was going on with the class and other events in Pompano she deemed necessary to share. So glad we had one more chat after she returned from her reunion. I will always love you Mary. Thanks for the wonderful memories! Peaceful rest!*

Juanita Samuel Parker

Juanita Parker - December 04, 2023 at 06:02 PM

SF

I have not heard from Mary in awhile my mom was her helper for a few yrs and Mary kept in touch with me faithfully for 15 yrs since my mom returned home to the Boston area. i am coming to Florida and i was going to look her up. I am very sad to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace. She was a beautiful person inside and out Susan Fortier Dracut Ma 01827

sisan Fortiet - March 27, 2024 at 09:34 PM

BW

“ Barbara Watson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper



Barbara Watson - December 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ Tamika Riggs & The Rozier Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper



Tamika Riggs & The Rozier Family - November 30, 2023 at 09:03 PM

TF

My condolences and prayers are with The Cooper Family. I will truly miss Ms. Mary Cooper. She ALWAYS called me to wish me a Happy Birthday, even thought it was her birthday as well, December 15th! 🙏❤️🤔

Tamika Riggs & The Rozier Family - November 30, 2023 at 09:10 PM



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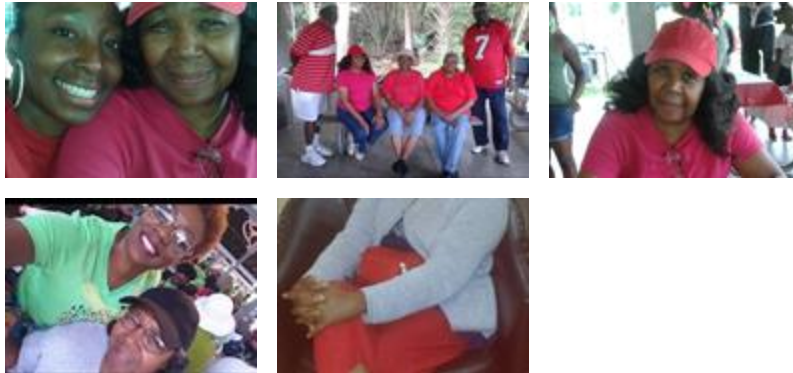
AKA



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 30, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 29, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lizzie Cooper.



November 29, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Kattie Peoples Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lizzie Cooper.

Kattie Peoples Jones - November 29, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Missing you so much! Love You, your niece Pepper 💙

Jasmine Nelson - November 29, 2023 at 01:42 PM

KJ

“ *Kattie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper*



Kattie Jones - November 29, 2023 at 01:32 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Russell lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper*



Debbie Russell - November 28, 2023 at 08:02 PM

AF

“ *Audrey Folson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper*



Audrey Folson - November 28, 2023 at 07:55 PM



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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 06:17 PM

AM

“ I thank God for allowing Mary to be a guest in my home in Tyler, Texas just weeks before He called her home. We have known each since 1970 at Texas College in Tyler.TX. We talked so often on the phone, but had not seen each other in over,50 years. I had invited her to come back for Homecoming over the years. She finally agreed to come. We had so much fun!! We never dreamed this would be her first time to come back and her last time. My sincere condolences to the family. Her AKA SOROR, Alice Mosley

Alice Snow Mosley - November 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DC

“ Deanna Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper



Deanna Chance - November 27, 2023 at 07:30 AM

DC

Seeing your name here is soo hard. Missing you already, Cousin Mary.
😞

Deanna Chance - November 27, 2023 at 07:34 AM

AF

We will certainly miss you Cousin Mary 🌸 I Had no idea when I spoke with you last month, it would be the last on this side. I'm sure my mother, Arlene and crew will all be welcoming you home. 🌸 "The Folsom Family"

Audrey Folsom - November 28, 2023 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ *Joanne Baker my condolences to Mary Cooper's family may she rest in peace.* ”

Jimmy Hicks - November 26, 2023 at 12:03 PM

DT

“ *In Loving Memories of A Dear Family Friend ❤️. Ms. Mary will be Deeply Missed 🙏* ”
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Love Always,
Darryl D. Thomas 🕊️



Darryl Demonde Thomas - November 25, 2023 at 11:42 PM

RR

“ *Ronald Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper* ”



Ronald Robinson - November 23, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ A Soror is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, and a golden thread to the meaning of life. –
My deepest sympathy to the family of my Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror ! May you rest in God’s loving arms. Jackie Haywood



Jackie Haywood - November 22, 2023 at 06:07 PM

BS

“ Mary, saying goodbye to you, my Prayer Partner and my Confidante is so hard to do. So instead, I'll just say 'I love you' and know you are with me always. Betty Shelton



Betty Shelton - November 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ In Memory of my Friend and Classmate, Mary. To your family May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss. My Deepest Sympathy. Rosa Morrison-McFarlin.



Rosa McFarlin - November 22, 2023 at 09:50 AM

BM

“ Cuz I will miss our Powerful Prayer Times. I always felt encouraged, energized, and inspired after our talks with a true and living God. I will miss our PPTs but I know you have joined that cloud of witnesses that draws us even closer. Loving you always. Rev. Dr. Bessie Leonard Mohead

Bessie Mohead - November 22, 2023 at 09:08 AM

AB

“ *In Loving Memory of my Dear friend and classmate, Mary Cooper. My deepest sympathy to Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May she RIP.*
Ann Burnett

Ann Burnett - November 21, 2023 at 09:35 PM

BM

“ *Thank you for all the beautiful cards you have sent me over the past five years. I'm going to miss that. I just received my Thanksgiving card on Monday.*



Betty McElhaney-Anderson - November 21, 2023 at 08:41 PM

BW

“ *Bettye A Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Cooper*



Bettye A Walker - November 21, 2023 at 06:09 PM

RS

“ *Robin Shelton Dunn, I m missing you already, but God knows best and called you to come on home while the pearly gates of “Heaven “ is open for one of his faithful servants.*

Robin Shelton - November 20, 2023 at 12:06 PM