

In Loving Memory Of



Dr. Joseph R. Cooper

Sunrise
March 18, 1948

Sunset
October 26, 2012

Service

Thursday, November 1, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

51 Elm Street • Montclair, New Jersey

Obituary

Dr. Joseph R. Cooper, age 64, of Essex Fells, New Jersey, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday, October 26th 2012 after a brief illness, at Harlem Hospital in New York City. Dr. Cooper was a respected, committed and loving man. He was raised in a Christian home where family-pride, diligence and education became the backbone of his daily life due to his upbringing by his parents, Naomi Cooper and the late Albert Cooper. Education had always been an essential part of his life. Being an intellectual by nature, his early pursuit of knowledge helped him excel in elementary school to the point where he was chosen to attend Mather Academy, an elite high school in Camden, South Carolina for the intellectually gifted.

Upon graduation from high school he attended Bethune-Cookman College, he furthered his studies at Atlanta University in GA and then his Medical Degree at Meharry Medical College specializing in ophthalmology. He then moved to New York, New York to complete his medical residency. He was a resident ophthalmologist at several hospitals including Columbia University Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Saint Barnabas, Saint Michael's, Our Lady of Mercy and Harlem Hospital to say a few. Dr. Cooper had a private practice with several locations, one in Orange and Newark, NJ and additional practices throughout New York City and Bronx, NY.

In addition to all his hard work with his practice and surgery, he also taught at Columbia University and sat on the board of different medical associations throughout the years, most notably the Caribbean Medical Mission of New Jersey and the National Medical Association. He was also a brother of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Everyone that knew him knew that he had a very warm sense of humor and loved fishing and traveling. He was a humanitarian and a philanthropist by nature. As fate would have it, the week before his passing, he was in Belize offering his medical services to those in need. Joseph Cooper rarely needed more than a few words to express himself but it was his presence that often left those around him knowing exactly what he meant.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory; two sons, Tarique and Sean Cooper; his mother, Naomi Cooper, a brother; Aaron D. Cooper; and one sister-in-law, Jan Cooper; and a host of close nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Introit

Welcome

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: St. John 14:1-7, 18, 27

New Testament: 2nd Timothy 4:7-8

Obituary Read by Sons; Tarique and Sean Cooper

Witness Family and Friends are Invited to Share Memories

Hymn “My Hope Is Built”

Meditation

Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Benediction

Interment

Martha Jane Cooper Cemetery
Cherry Hill, South Carolina

REPAST will Follow Service in Church Hall.

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

Acknowledgement

The family of would like to express their gratitude for your prayers and every act of love extended during their time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

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