

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
Of*



Derrick James Cooper, Sr.

Sunrise:
June 10, 1952



Sunset:
May 19, 2017

Service

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

Heard A.M.E. Church

310 East 8th Avenue

Rev. T. R. Goyins Plaza

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Eulogist

Life Reflections

Derrick James Cooper, Sr. was born on June 10, 1952 on a former U.S. Army base, Camp Kilmer in Piscataway, New Jersey, son of the late Inez Boyd and James Willis Cooper. He was raised and lived in Linden, New Jersey his entire life. Derrick graduated from Linden High School in 1970 where he excelled in basketball.

Derrick, was known as “Ricky” to his family, “Coop” to his close friends and “Heavy Hitter” to the trucking community, was a loving husband, father and friend. Everyone that knew him, knew that he loved being on the road, whether he was riding on his motorcycle or in his 18-wheeler truck. Derrick was a Truck driver for over 30 years. He drove 18-wheeler trucks for numerous companies on the East Coast. In 1994, he and his wife, Michele started their own successful trucking company known as D&M Trucking in Linden. Due to illness, he retired on September 23, 2005.

He was a dedicated member of Heard A.M.E. Church where he served as an Usher under the leadership of Rev. T. R. Goyins.

Derrick was a Mason of Acacia Lodge No. 23 F&AM PHA in Roselle. He was a member of Golconda Noble Shriners Affiliation in Newark. He enjoyed being a member of Newark Knights Motorcycle Club. He was also an excellent cook and a great bowler.

Derrick loved road trips and taking his family, especially his children and their friends to amusement parks. He was quiet man with a good heart.

On Friday, May 19, 2017, Derrick James Cooper, Sr. passed in peace in the comfort of his home at the age of sixty-four.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful daughter, Stacey Cooper in 1979.

Derrick leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife of 44 years, Michelle Denise Cooper; son, Derrick J. Cooper II (Saidah) and daughter, Tracey D. Kirby; four grandchildren: Latasia, Jahiese, Ahmaad and Rhian; sister-in-law, Joan Hayes; and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson

Bibleway Deliverance Center, Roselle, New Jersey

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited
to return to the Church where a Repast will be served.*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

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Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Derrick James Cooper, Sr.**

*An Angel whispered take my hand and
come with me your work here is done.*

*I went away to a place where there's no tears, nor sorrow
only laughter and smiles, there will always be a Tomorrow.*

As I move amongst the clouds.

*I'll look down and smile upon you,
while the angels sing a heavenly song.*

*I am not alone all who went before
are here they awaited my return.*

I know you'll grieve and wish I was still here

I am here in the memories you hold dear.

*Remember how much I love you
and know I took your love with me.*

I did not wish for you to cry, nor feel sad.

My pain is gone and I am Free!

*Soon you'll come to me until then
God will be with you Just as He's with me.*



Acknowledgement

The family of **Derrick James Cooper, Sr.** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during this time of bereavement.

Thank you and May god richly bless you.



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