



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Simmie Cooper, Jr. wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, phone calls, visits and many other acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Also, special thanks to Mississippi Homecare and Baptist Hospice.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*R'keem Freeman | Christopher F. Nelson
 Samuel Brown | Curtis T. Cooper
 Keith D. Cooper | Bernard Brown
 Ozell Lewis | Leslie Nelson, Sr.
 Xavier Nelson | Leslie J. Nelson
 Leslie Nelson, III*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Keith D. Cooper | Eric Cooper
 Leslie Nelson | Christopher Nelson
 Kordell Cooper | Ashford Nelson
 Torrence Cooper | Larry McVay
 La'Terrence Robinson | Mirenzo Jones*

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

*Yazoo Memorial Park Cemetery
 850 Old Highway 3 • Yazoo City, MS 39194*

REPAST

*Boys & Girls of the MS Delta
 516 E. Canal Street • Yazoo City, MS, 39194*

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:



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Homegoing Celebration for



Mr. Simmie Cooper, Jr.

December 2, 1928 - January 26, 2022

"Resting in the Lord"

Saturday, February 5, 2022

2:30 p.m.

Boys & Girls of the MS Delta

*516 East Canal Street
 Yazoo City, MS 39194*

Rev. Kenneth Griffin, Officiating

~ **Life Reflections** ~

Simmie Cooper, Jr. was born December 2, 1928, to the late Mr. Simmie Cooper, Sr. and Ivory Earl Clark Cooper in Kosciusko, MS. He was one of nine children.

He moved to Holmes County at a young age. He later met and married Mary T. Merritt in 1949. To that union, nine (9) children were born: Ivory Nelson, Mary Ann Cooper, Gloria Jones, Virginia Waters, Diana Jones, Annie Robinson, Heather Cooper and Frank Cooper. He moved to Yazoo County in 1964 and then moved to Yazoo City in 1972.

Simmie was an outstanding husband, father and a great provider. He was always willing to help anyone in need, family or not. He was also a father figure to many.

He was preceded in death by both parents: Mr. Simmie Cooper, Sr. and Ivory Earl Clark Cooper; five siblings: Bernice Harris, Lula Brown, Bennie L. Cooper, Queen A. Cooper and Rosetta Sheehi; four children: Frank Cooper, Sarah Cooper, Virginia Waters and Faye Ann Noel.

He leaves to cherish life, love and memories; his wife Mary Merritt Cooper of 70+ years; thirteen children: Ivory Nelson, Mary Ann Cooper, Gloria Jean Jones, Sara Cooper, Diana Jones, Annie Thelma Robinson, Heather Cooper, Ethel Mae (Isaiah) Henderson, Eddie Mae Noel, Jackie Noel, Annie Noel, Simmie Noel, Bennie Noel and Lewis Jackson; three siblings: Lillie B. Tucker, Shirley Cooper and Charles Noel; eighteen (18) grandchildren: Victory Freeman, Danny B. Freeman, III, Maxine Cooper, Eric Cooper, Keith D. Cooper, Leslie Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Ashford Nelson, Mirenzo Jones, Lacrystal Jones, Germonique Wallace, Frank Wallace, Kordell Cooper, Trikia Cooper, DeAnna Jones, Torrence Cooper, Larry McVay Robinson and La'Terrence Robinson; fifty-three (53) great-grandchildren: R'Keem Freeman, Calandrea Freeman, Frankie Freeman, Keith Cooper, Tavaris Cooper, Curtis Cooper, Moeisha Nolan, Erik Anderson, Erryonna Cooper, Erixander Cooper, Miquasha Hayes, Quaneshia Nelson, Aja Nelson, Ariel Nelson, Leslie J Nelson, Leslie Nelson, III, Xavier Nelson, Keonni Waters, Camari Nelson, JaKenzlie Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Taylor Nelson, Taleah Nelson, Dajour Manning, Kamiya Evans, Jaquarious Nelson, Alona Jones, Alyese Jones, Azora Jones, Akemi Smith, Devin Bryant, Jr., Devionna Bryant, Dezaria Bryant, Devion Bryant, Derrick Bryant, Ja'Mila Simmons, Ja'Mari Simmons, Ja'Layah Simmons, Ra'Niyah Wallace, Raleyia Wallace, Raylan Wallace, Na'Talja Simmons, Jakaya Whitehead, Jakora Cooper, Korderyeone Cooper, Liyah Cooper, Tre'Quarius, Au'Bree Willis, DeNyla Taylor, Serenity Taylor, Jayden McVay, Ayden McVay, Addison McVay; thirty (30) great great-grandchildren. His memory will also be cherished and kept alive by a host of nieces/nephews, other relatives, and friends.



~ **Order of Service** ~

Processional (Soft Music)..... Clergy & Family
 Selection Evangelist Lorrena Fox-Brooks
 Scripture & Prayer Rev. Bobby Kimbrough
 Words of Encouragement Evangelist Lorrena Fox-Brooks
 Acknowledgements Bro. Willie "Deuce" Wright
 Obituary Read Silently
 Song Evangelist Lorrena Fox-Brooks
 Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Griffin

Scott-Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends

~ **Tribute to My Love** ~

"When I Lost You"

I wish I could see you one more time come walking through the door,
 but I know that is impossible, I will hear your voice no more.
 I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry;
 Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand
 why someone so precious had to die.
 I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through,
 as I struggle with this heartache that came when I lost you.

~ **Your Loving Wife Mary** ~



~ **Tributes** ~

In Loving Memory of a Special Grandad

The day you left and gained your wings, my heart just broke in two.
 I wish you could have stayed with me, but heaven needed you.
 You left me with the memories, and I love you dearly still.
 No matter how much time goes by you know I always will.
 You were a very special person with kindness in your heart,
 and the love we had together go stronger now we're apart.
 I know I cannot bring you back although I wish it every day,
 but a piece of me went with you the day you. We love you.

We Had a Wonderful Grandfather

We had a wonderful grandfather, one who never really grew old;
 His smile was made of sunshine, and his heart was solid gold;
 His eyes were as bright as stars, and in his cheeks fair roses you see.
 We had a wonderful grandfather, and that's the way it will always be.
 But take heed, because He's still keeping an eye on all of us,
 So let's make sure He will like what he sees.

A Grandfather Just Like You

I just want to let you know you mean the world to me,
 only a heart as dear as yours would give so unselfishly.
 The many things you've done all the times that you were there,
 Help me know deep down inside how much you really care.
 Even though I might not say I appreciate all you do,
 Richly blessed is how I feel having a grandfather just like you.

He is Gone

"You can shed tears that she is gone,
 or you can smile because she has lived.
 You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,
 or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
 or you can be full of the love you shared.
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
 or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
 You can remember her only that she is gone,
 or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
 You can cry and close your mind,
 be empty and turn your back.
 Or you can do what she'd want:
 smile, open your eyes, love and go on."