

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF
CHARLES
EDWARD COOPER SR.

PALLBEARERS
Charles Cooper Jr. Emanuel Cooper III
Bryan Gregory Jay Todd
Anthony Tyler Jr. Timothy Harris Sr.
Keith Cooper Reggie Franklin

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
John Gregory Timothy Harris Jr.
Michael Gregory Caiden Tyler-Trent
Andrew Gregory
The Deacons of Morning Star Missionary
Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY
The family of Charles Edward Cooper Sr.
wishes to express our deepest appreciation for
the many acts of kindness, prayers, and words
of comfort shared with us during this difficult
time. Whether you sent a card, shared a meal,
offered a prayer, or simply held us in your
heart, your love has been a source of strength.
We find peace knowing that Charles is with
his Savior, and we thank you for celebrating
his remarkable life with us today.

INTERMENT
Memorial Park Cemetery (Park Lawn)
8251 Hillcrest Rd. | Kansas City, MO 64138

REPAST
Allen Village High School
4251 Bridger Rd. | Kansas City, MO 64111

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OCTOBER 25, 1955 – JANUARY 30, 2026

S E R V I C E S H E L D A T:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
MORNING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
2411 East 27th St. | Kansas City, Missouri 64127
Visitation 10:00am – 11:00am / Service 11:00am
Officiating, Rev. John M. Miles

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Pulpit Conductor, Rev. Jackie Robinson

Family Processional

Officiant.....Rev. Jackie Robinson

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Alfred White Jr.
Old Testament, Psalm 63:1-8 (NLT) | New Testament, 1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

Prayer.....Rev. David Jones

Songs.....“Hold Out”/“Fighting for the Lord” sung by MSMBC Choir

Condolences.....Stephanie White

A Tribute to Granddad.....John, Michael, and Andrew Gregory

Remembering Charles (Moments, Memories, and Love)

Song.....”Going Up Yonder” sung by Stephanie Moore

Song.....“Pass Me Not” sung by MSMBC Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor John M. Miles
Senior Pastor | Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

Invitation.....“I Surrender All” sung by MSMBC Choir

Recessional.....“All Day, All Night” sung by Rosemary Robinson

ONLY WHAT IS DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST

The years roll on like passing days,
And time slips gently through our hands,
But deeds of faith and words of truth
Are held forever by God’s plans.
Fame will fade and riches pass,
The world’s applause will not remain,
Yet souls brought safely to the Cross
Are heaven’s everlasting gain.
A voice that spoke the gospel clear,
A life that showed the narrow way,
A heart that loved the lost enough
To point them still to Christ each day.
For only what is done for Christ
Outlives the dust, outshines the past;
A crown awaits the faithful soul—
For only what is done for Christ will last.

-Unknown

QUOTES AND "COOPERISMS"

"DID YOU WIN OR DID YOU LEARN?"

"YOUR DECISIONS, NOT YOUR CONDITIONS,
SHAPE YOUR DESTINY."

"YOU CAN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN."

"FIGHT YOUR BATTLES ON YOUR KNEES,
YOU'LL WIN EVERY TIME."

"...BEHIND THE PREPOSITION."

"LORD, HOW DO I FIT IN YOUR PLANS TODAY?"

"WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THROUGH ME TODAY?"



CHARLES

EDWARD COOPER SR.

CHARLES EDWARD COOPER SR., a devoted servant of God, beloved educator, and cherished presence in the lives of all who knew him, transitioned from this life to his eternal reward on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the age of 70.

Born on October 25, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, Charles was the son of Emanuel Sr. and Katharine L. Cooper. A proud product of his city, he was a gifted athlete and musician, playing clarinet in the Lincoln High School band and excelling on the football field. He carried that passion for sport and scholarship to William Jewell College, graduating in 1978.

Above all else, Charles was a man of unwavering faith. He was "God-fearing" in the truest sense, moving through the world with an honest, introspective, and caring spirit. As a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, his greatest joy was witnessing to others and sharing the love of Christ. His voice rose in praise as a member of the Men's Chorus and Sanctuary Choir, reflecting a life lived to serve his Creator. He was a brilliant yet humble man who never met a stranger.

That foundation of faith was the bedrock of his marriage and family. On June 26, 1982, Charles was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Rosellen Nendar Carter. Together for 43 years, they built a life rooted in laughter and a shared commitment to their children. Charles was a fierce protector and a source of constant love; he taught his family that life, much like his favorite game of chess, requires patience, strategy, and a strong foundation in Jesus Christ.

Whether he was tending his garden, taking pride in his lawn care, or sharing a joke, his hands and heart were rarely still.



Charles's passion for service extended into his calling as a "teacher of teachers." Throughout his career, he poured his wisdom into the students of Karnes, W.W. Yates, Woodland, William Volker, Phillis Wheatley, Crispus Attucks, and Satchel Paige. In 1999, he joined Allen Village as a teacher and was one of the original staff members when the school first opened its doors; it was from Allen Village that he eventually retired, leaving behind a profound legacy.

His brilliance in the classroom was legendary; in 1986, he was featured in an article for his innovative classroom economic system that prepared students for the real world. A lifelong lover of the game, he used chess as a bridge to reach young minds, teaching them the values of discipline and foresight. Whether in the classroom or on the sidelines as "Coach," he was a mentor who saw the potential in every child and spent his life pulling it to the surface. He truly loved his students, and countless lives were bettered by his tireless wisdom and encouragement.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Emanuel Sr. and Katharine L. Cooper; his sister, Katharine Jolly; his brother, Keith Cooper; and his beloved grandson, Cyrus O. Cooper.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Rosellen N. Cooper; his children, Mary Frances Gregory (Bryan), Charles Edward Cooper Jr. (Camilla), and Carly Rebecca Cooper; his siblings, Emanuel Cooper Jr. and Donna Tyler (Anthony); and his grandsons, John, Michael, and Andrew Gregory and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.