



Pastor

EDWARD CHARLES COOPER

FEBRUARY 3, 1958 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Life Celebration Service:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

FUNERAL: 11:00 A. M.

PROGRESSIVE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
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THE LIFE STORY OF

Pastor EDWARD CHARLES COOPER

Edward Charles Cooper, born February 3, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois, was the third of four children to the late Charlie and Ida Mae Cooper. At the young age of two years old, Edward's family moved to Jackson, MS where he spent his childhood and attended Jackson Public Schools: Walton Elementary, Brinkley Middle, Bailey Magnet, and Murrah High School. He continued his education at the Jackson State Education Learning Center, and Job Corps' Mechanic Training, in Morgan Field, Kentucky. Edward grew up in the Shady Oaks community and was baptized at Cade Chapel M.B. Church under the leadership of Reverend Buckley. He later joined Virden Grove M.B. Church, which was under the leadership of Reverend L.L. Williams.

At the age of eighteen (18), Edward moved to Atlanta, GA, where he was affectionately known as Slim and Too Tall. While living in Atlanta, he worked for his uncle, Richard Spann, for numerous years at Richard Dry Wall. One weekend, while visiting Jackson, he had the opportunity to reconnect with Mary Ford, whom he had known since kindergarten. On July 5, 1986, Edward married Mary, the love of his life, and they moved from Atlanta to Jackson in 1988.

After moving back to Mississippi, Edward was employed with Percy Dry Wall, Beemon Drugs, Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) Central Supply, and MSDH WIC Distribution Center as a Supervisor at the Raymond and Jackson Medical Mall locations. Edward was called into the ministry on November 25, 1989, under the leadership of Rev. Charles A. Thurman at Virden Grove M.B. Church. He was Licensed to the ministry at Virden Grove M.B Church January 9, 1990. He was Ordained to the ministry at Virden Grove M.B. Church May 24, 1992. Pastor Cooper Christian Education through Southern Baptist includes Experiencing God December 1993. 100 hours of Christian study courses in 1994. The Mind of Christ November 1995. Step by Step through New Testament in November 1996, 1997. Pastor Cooper also held a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from New Foundation Theological Seminary in Terry, MS. After becoming a part of the ministry, Pastor Cooper found a mentor in Pastor Walter Bowie of Koinonia Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. Pastor Cooper's service to the Lord includes pastoring Christian Fellowship M.B. Church (Star, MS), pastoring and leading True Believers in Christ (Jackson, MS), and founding and pastoring New Beginnings Fellowship Baptist Church (Jackson, MS). In addition to pastoring, Rev. Cooper taught the deacon ministry, was a member of the Spirit of Mission Club, Minister's Alliance, Laborers of the Vineyard Community Choir, and served as the associate and youth minister at New Life Fellowship M.B. Church.

Upon relocating to Las Vegas, NV, Pastor Cooper and his family joined Progressive Pilgrims Fellowship (PPF), which was under the leadership of Pastor Darryl Caston. During his time at PPF, he served as an Associate Minister. Pastor Cooper was later united with Greater Carver M.B. Church, under the leadership of Pastor Alphonse McCleod. There he served as a youth minister, Sunday school and Bible study teacher, and served on the bus ministry. Following the exodus of Pastor Darryl Caston, Pastor Cooper was installed as pastor of Progressive Pilgrims Fellowship on February 11, 2011. The shepherd ship of Pastor Cooper, his steadfastness in Christ and vision Christ gave him, cause spiritual growth and expansion at Progressive. Ministries grew and new ones began. Their Three-Square Ministry expanded and touched numerous lives in many ways.

Additionally, the church's plan/vision for evangelism translated into the Evangelism Council, which focused on preparedness and training to claim souls for Christ in Las Vegas and surrounding cities through teaching and outreach efforts. Furthermore, the Shepherd's Ministry, Sisters-in-Spirit, and the Audio-Visual Ministries were instituted. From 2011 until his death, Rev. Cooper served as pastor of Progressive Pilgrims Fellowship. All the churches he pastored knew his door was always open. Pastor Cooper was a true man of God, a devoted husband, father, Paw Paw, and spiritual leader. He truly enjoyed family time, golfing, bowling, watching sports, Western and Karate movies. His favorite was John Wayne and Bruce Lee. His saying "John Wayne is a terrible thang" That was known as his Belt. He was an awesome pastor who loved God's people, who loved preaching and teaching God's word, and made sure he taught what is expected of us as children of God. He truly lived by one of his favorite scriptures, Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." He never met a stranger and was loved and respected by many.

Edward departed this life to join our heavenly Father on September 28, 2025, and was proceeded in death by his parents (Charlie and Ida Mae Cooper), and dearest friend (Rev. Charles Monroe). He leaves to cherish his memories his loving and committed wife Mary E. Cooper, four children; two daughters: Katrina Cousin (Jermaine), Kimberlee Cooper; two sons: Cedrick Cooper (Christy), and Davion "Max" Cooper; two grandchildren: DeAsia Henderson, and Cooper McKee. In addition, he leaves four sisters: Mary L. Cooper and Charlotte Cooper Williams, both of Las Vegas, NV, Colette of Milwaukee, and Patricia of Chicago; and one brother: Ben Spann (Gwen). He also leaves a bonus son, Willie Stapleton, eldest nephew John Wesley Ford III, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28.

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Order of Service

Minister Mary Chaney

Processional.....	Ministers and the Family
Selection.....	Unity & Progressive Combined Choir
God's Holy Word Old Testament.....	Minister Johnny Crosby Progressive Pilgrim Fellowship
New Testament.....	Pastor E.E. Blueford Jr. More Than Conquerors Ministry
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Anthony Nixon Pleasant Grove M.B Church
Expressions of Love.....	Minister B.J. Jenkins (His Spiritual Mother) New Antioch Deacon Abe Williams Progressive Pilgrim Fellowship
Selection.....	Unity & Progressive Combined Choir
Acknowledgements & Resolution.....	Tina Glover
Selection.....	Unity & Progressive Combined Choir
Reading of the Obituary.....	Soft Music
Reflections (3 Minutes Please).....	Family, Friends, Neighbors, Church Members
Song.....	Minister Henry Lowery
Eulogy.....	Pastor Ronnie Brown Sr. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church 101 Jackson, Ave Pelahatchie, MS 39145
Parting View.....	Giddens Memorial Chapel
Benediction.....	Pastor Ronnie Brown Sr.
Recessional.....	Ministers & Family

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Thinking of You "A Heart of Gold"

My friend, my husband, my pastor and encourager, the love of my life. I thought of you with love today. I thought of you yesterday and the days before that, the love you have for your family, your friends, and PPF church family.... A million times, I will miss you, a million times I will cry. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of me (us) went with you the day the Lord took you home. In life, I loved you dearly; in death, I love you still.

In my heart, you hold a place no one else can fill. I am so grateful to God for sharing you with me.

You left an impact on my life that can never be erased.

God blessed me with a man who had a heart of gold. The epitome of a man, who loved himself some God and lived by the Word. You had an impact on everyone, a good friend to all that you knew. My Gentle Giant...you leave behind a legacy, so great, it is beyond measure. My heart is full of beautiful memories, so precious that I will always treasure. You have been life's greatest blessing. Through your teaching and example, our children have grown into beautiful, handsome, and respectful adults. I lack nothing in this life and I take GREAT pride in being your wife. I love you, and have you in my heart, I am grateful you are at peace. I see you and be with you again.

Love you always and forever...

Wife (Pooh) NO REGRETS!!

Dad,

*We still hear your voice in quiet rooms,
Soft as the wind through the evening bloom.
You taught us strength without a sound,
And love that lingers when you're not around.
You taught us faith that never fades,
That souls live on in light remade.
Though we can't see you, we still know –
Your spirit walks where we must go.
We all find you in the air,
A father's peace beyond compare
Your laughter lives in the light of dawn,
A warmth that tells us to carry on.*

*From heaven's gate your hands still guide,
Our guardian near, just on the other side.
And when our earthly days are done,
We'll meet again, our hearts as one.
From heaven's home, your love still flows
Through all of us, wherever we go.
For though we are worlds and ages apart,
You live forever in who we are.*

Love Always, The Cooper Clan
Katrina, Cedrick, Kimberlee, Davion



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*Paw Paw, I miss you every day,
I wish that you could come and stay.
You made me laugh, you held me tight,
You made the world feel warm and right.
Five short years went by so fast,
But love like our will always last.
I look to heaven, up above –
And send you hugs and all my love.
I love you!*

Lil Coop

To My Father in Law

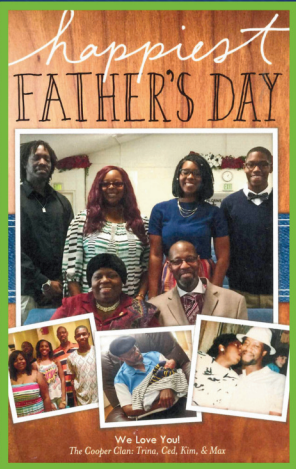
You wasn't just an Amazing father, you were an incredible man. Your love wisdom, and strength continue to guide me, and your memory is a source of Comfort and Inspiration. Even though you are gone, your spirit lives on in those you touch, and your legacy will always be a part of me.

Much Love, Maine Uncle

He loved himself some God. He made an impact on everyone he met, never made you feel unwelcome, his doors were always open to you. Family lets continue to walk and show the fruits of His Labor and lets follow Christ as he did. Matthew 5:16 His favorite scripture.

Nephew,
John Wesley Ford III





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Active Pallbearers

Cedrick Cooper
Davion Cooper
Jermaine Cousin
Cortney Caston
Eric Williams
Deon Caston

Honorary Pallbearers

Bill Ratchford
Denzel Williams
Stephen Plair
Alex Caston
Lawrence Rush

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

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Acknowledgements

The Family of Pastor Edward C. Cooper would like to express our sincere thanks to our family and friends and to the Progressive Pilgrim Fellowship Church Family. Thank you all for the prayers, phone calls, words of comfort, visits, food, flowers, and all acts of kindness rendered to comfort us during this difficult time.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.

-The Family

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