

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Ruth Bertha
Gadsden Cooper*

Sunrise

Sunset

8 November, 1943 - 21 November, 2025

11:00AM Friday, 28 November 2025

Moncks Corner AME Church
306 West Main Street
Moncks Corner SC 29461



OBITUARY

Mrs. Ruth Bertha Gadsden Cooper, daughter of the late Jessie Gadsden, Sr and LuBertha McNeil Gadsden was born on November 8, 1943 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

She heard God softly calling and quietly slipped away to her heavenly home on November 21, 2025 at her earthly residence surrounded by her loving family.

During her formative years she accepted Christ as her personal savior and was a lifelong and faithful member of Moncks Coner AME church, regularly attending service until her health began to deteriorate.

Ruthie, as she was affectionately known, was educated in the Berkeley County School System. She graduated from Berkeley Training High School in 1960 and furthered her education by enrolling at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina.

She was united in holy matrimony on December 17, 1966 to Eugene Cooper and their union was blessed with three beautiful daughters. Ruthie was a devoted wife and found fulfillment as a doting mother. While being a homemaker with the responsibility of looking after her children as well others she developed an interest in caregiving and decided to pursue a career in healthcare.

She employed The Presbyterian Home in Summerville, South Carolina for 27 years.

Ruthie found joy in gardening and loved the beauty and fragrance of live flowers.

She kept an immaculate aromatic home and strived to make a difference in the lives of the elderly and children, especially those who lived in the Haynesville community.

She was known for her mouthwatering Pound Cakes. She left an unforgettable impression on all she came in contact with and lived a life of gratitude, grace and thanksgiving.

Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents Jessie Gadsden Sr. and LuBertha McNeil Gadsden, her husband Mr. Eugene Cooper, and brothers Mr. Thomas McNeil and Mr. Jessie Gadsden Jr.

She was deeply loved by many people, is already missed and leaves behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that her family and friends can both admire and be proud of.

She is survived by her daughters Karen C. McGhee, Yvette C. Jones and LaKisha Cooper all of Moncks Corner, SC.; Grandchildren Kalyn J. Cooper whom she nurtured in the home, Brandon, Marqui, Ketia, Savannah, Bria and Keanna; Ten great- grandchildren; Siblings Isaiah "ST" Gadsden, Gerald Gadsden (Patricia), Linda Smith (Roy) and Rodney Gadsden all of Moncks Corner, SC and a bonus grandson, William P.

Gillmore IV

Sister and Brother In-Laws, Susiean Gadsden of Moncks Corner, SC, Louise Burroughs, Mary Lee James and Johnny Cooper all of Bronx, New York; Uncle; James McNeil; Special friend near and dear to her heart Mr. Willie Canty; Loving cousin and confidante Sharon Jones; Treasured friend Deidra McClellan along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Ruthie was deeply loved and she surely will be missed. One leaves behind a rich legacy of kindness and compassion of which her family and friends can be proud.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Choir

Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance - #450

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

Rev. Lillie Mae Reid

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Rev. Dorothy Duncan

Prayer

Sis. Betsy Shands

Solo Performance

Psalmist *Desmond Pringle*

Reflections

Church Leader - *Mr. Frank Waiters*

Community - *Ms. Rosie Brown*

Family - *Mrs. Jessica Gadsden McKelvey*

Ms. Aretha Gadsden

Resolution

Ms. Almirth White

Solo Performance

Ms. Tamara Pinckney Speed

Words of Comfort

Rev. Bruce Frances

Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional Selection

I'll Fly Away

Choir

Committal will be done at Graveside.

Interment - Moncks Corner AME Church Cemetery



*R*ejoice in knowing that I was blessed with a beautiful life of love, laughter, caregiving, and longevity.

*U*nto our Heavenly Father I have committed my spirit and there is a crown of life waiting for me.

*T*he bells are ringing and the gates are swinging as I walk along magnificent streets of gold.

*H*eaven is a place where the righteous can go home and whose beauty is a sight to behold!

I've fought the good fight with quiet strength and kept the faith while God traveled with me every mile of the way.

*E*njoy your own life's journey as you continue on for I will see you at the crossroads one glorious day!

*L*ove is Eternal

Written with Love and Heartfelt Sympathy
Maurietta Grant



The Broken Chain

by Ron Tranmer

We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.



PALLBEARERS

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William P. Gillmore III

Terrance Gadsden

Daniel McNeil

Daishawn McNeil

Jessie Gadsden III

Tyree Milligan

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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Oscar Haynes Jr.

Darryl McGhee

Michael McNeil

Edward Myers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The family of the late Ms. Ruth B. Gadsden Cooper wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness and comfort shown to them during their period of bereavement. They are eternally grateful for the compassionate care, dedication and support of the Agape Care Group.

Arrangements By

Gethers Funeral Home
200 Grace Street
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

