

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Deethenia*  
L. COOPER

SUNRISE : JUNE 28, 1930 | SUNSET: JANUARY 26, 2025

Friday, February 28, 2025  
Viewing: 10:00 AM | Service: 11:00 AM

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# THE *Life* AND LEGACY

Deethenia L. Cooper was born on June 28, 1930, to the late Alexander and Sarah Frances Freeman. She transitioned from this earthly life to eternal life on January 26, 2025, at the age of 94.

Deethenia, the middle child of eight, was raised by her parents in Potecasi, North Carolina. Also educated in North Carolina, she went on to have a career with the federal government, retiring from the U.S. Census Bureau.

She was married to the late Ray S. Cooper, Sr., and six children were born to their union. The doting mother enjoyed gardening, traveling, sewing, attending church services, and running marathons. In fact, she ran the Marine Corps Marathon twice, reaching the finish line each time.

Deethenia was a woman of faith who grew up in the church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. In 1989, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries where she received the uncompromising Word of God. She was actively involved in the life of the church through the Altar, Intercessory Prayer, and Seniors Ministries until her health began to fail. Her faith and trust in Jesus became the cornerstone of her life, guiding her every step and inspiring those around her.

As we celebrate the life of Deethenia Cooper, we find comfort in knowing that she is now at peace, resting in the arms of her Savior. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Deethenia leaves to cherish her memories, her children: Ray S. Cooper, Jr., Reginald Cooper, René Cooper, Catyondia Cooper, and Katrina Weaver; sister, Josephine; grandchildren: Joshua Cooper, Jeremiah E. A. Ballard, Briana Deethenia Ballard, Kareema Weaver, Isaiah Weaver, and Abdullah Weaver; daughters-in-law, Crystal Cooper and Eleanos Anos Cooper; sons-in-law, William McNeil and Clifton Weaver.

Deethenia was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth Cooper, and siblings: James, Pearlle, Elester, Willie, Mark, and Alex.



# ORDER *of* SERVICE



## **Invocation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

## **Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7*  
*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

## **Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection**.....FTH Psalmist

## **Acknowledgements**

## **Remarks**

*Mr. Ray Cooper, Son*

## **Obituary** (*Read Silently*)

**Song of Preparation** .....FTH Psalmist

**Message of Hope** .....Reverend Willette O. Wright

## **Call to Christ**

## **Recessional**





# Family Sentiments

My mother was a **strong, independent, and fierce** woman who was not afraid to speak her mind. My mother loved to read and always believed in education. She loved to travel and loved the finest things in life. She taught me to be a proud Black woman and to always stand up for myself no matter who may criticize me for whatever stance I took. I miss our talks early in the morning. We would talk about everything from politics to the latest television shows. Mother had an opinion about everything and everyone. I loved her for that. She loved to shop and so do I. I guess I got that from her honestly...lol.

But the one thing my mother would want everyone to remember her for is that she LOVED the LORD! She loved going to church and serving the LORD. She loved reading her Bible and showing love and kindness to all around her. I am truly going to miss my mother, but I know my mother is in heaven watching over me. She is my guardian angel.

**Love you, Mother!**

**Your loving daughter, Renee**



# Family Sentiments

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## I'm Writing This To You Mama

How my mother's love will always be a love beyond compare.

With her gentle touch and guiding light,

Though mama is gone from sight, she still fills my days with warmth  
and shines so brightly,

In every breath, in every beat,

Your love will remain in my heart, forever so pure and sweet.

I'll always remember crowning your hair, getting you fried fish, and we shared  
the laughter and at times when either of us were in pain,  
the tears that would fall,

Her strength embraces me through it all.

Mama, there are no words that can capture all you have done for me,  
Please know that you're my one and only mother, my beacon and sun.

So again, I'm here to let the world know far and wide,

The love I hold for mama inside.

A bond that is unbreakable, pure and bright,

My mother, my love, a precious piece to me, a true example of a  
beautiful Black woman, my guiding light.

I'll carry you with my heart,

Mama, we will never depart,

Your memories, I will always hold near to me, I promise,

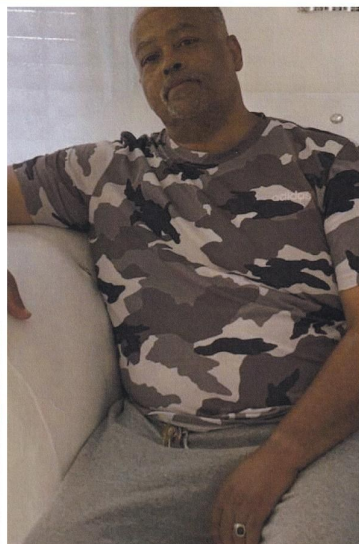
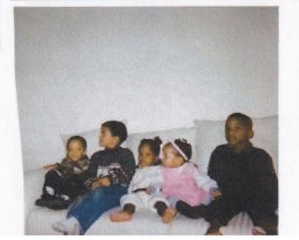
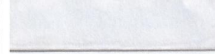
Until we meet again, mama, I miss you so much,

I will **NEVER** stop loving you.

**-Your daughter, Catyondia**



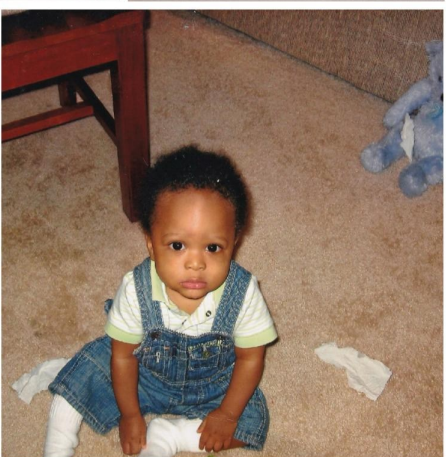
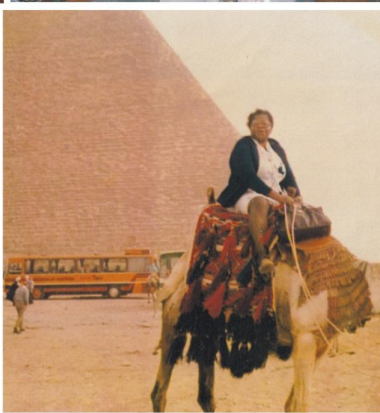








Waimea Canyon, Kauai  
"Grand Canyon of the Pacific"





# Congregational Hymn

## Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

**O! Precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow,  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

## Acknowledgement

The entire Cooper family sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

### Pallbearers

Joshua Cooper, Ray Cooper,  
William McNeil, and Isaiah Weaver

### Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

### Services Entrusted to:

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home  
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