

Celebration of Life



Joann F. Cooper

May 9, 1939 – February 12, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Samuel C Rogers, Jr Memorial Chapel

4315 North Main Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

OBITUARY

Mrs. Joann Frierson Cooper passed away peacefully on February 12, 2021 at Community Hospice of North Florida. Born on May 9, 1939 in Georgetown, South Carolina to the union of the late Eddie and Leola Frierson she was the eldest of eight children. One sister and one brother, Ola Russ and Harold Frierson preceded her in death. Her husband, Samuel Cooper of 56 years also preceded her in death.

At an early age she accepted Christ and was a member of Bethel AME of Plantersville, S.C. Those who knew her would say she was very active from the choir, secretary, and any position needed because she was always willing to work. She later became a member of Mt. Olive AME on Jacksonville's Eastside.

She was educated in the Georgetown, S.C. school system and in 1956 graduated from Choppee High School. She took a year off to travel and visit her uncle Willie Frierson in California. She was later accepted into Walkers Business and Technical College in Jacksonville where she pursued a 2 year program and graduated in 1959 with a Diploma in Executive Secretarial. There she met the love of her life the late Samuel T. Cooper.

On June 23, 1960 she was united in holy matrimony to Samuel T. Cooper, to this union two children were born, Roxann Cooper and Valerie Cooper. Joann was known for her outstanding administrative skills. She could type over 90 words a minute. She was extremely proficient in Microsoft Word, Access, Excel and the old Lotus Notes and WordPerfect. This skill took her to a 27 year government career with the city of Jacksonville. A civil servant, she started her career as a customer service representative in 1974 with the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA), then the Private Industry Council and later with the Traffic/Engineering Office before retiring in 2001.

Joann leaves to cherish her fond memories, daughters Roxann Cooper (Upper Marlboro, Maryland) and Valerie Cooper (Jacksonville, Florida); God-daughter Anita Green of Jacksonville, Florida; Brothers Eddie (Dorcas) Frierson of Orlando, Florida and Bishop Joseph Frierson Sr. of Raleigh, North Carolina; Sisters Evelyn Dockery of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Earline Whittaker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Fleata Frierson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sister in-law Thelma Cooper of Daytona Beach, Florida, best friend and college roommate Margaret Wallace of Miami and a host of many other nieces and nephews, loving relatives and friends.



Order of Service

*Presiding ~ Pastor Debra Russ
Los Angeles, California*

Processional Hymn.....”Every Praise is to Our God”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Psalm 91..... Anita Green (God Daughter)

New Testament.....John14:1-7..... Anita Green (God Daughter)

Musical Selection..... “How Great is Our God”

Remarks (two minutes)..... Family/Friends

..... Roxann Cooper

Musical Selection.....Guitarist Lillie Russ (niece)
“Stand By Me”

Acknowledgements.....Connie Jackson (niece)

Words to the LivingPastor Debra Russ (niece)
Salvation Army Ministries
Los Angeles, California

Recessional.....

~Interment~

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Due to COVID there will be no Repast

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence as the Angels all looked down. Today the Lord was placing the jewels into our Mother's crown. He held up a golden crown, as our darling Mother looked on. He said in his gentle voice, I will now explain each one. The first gem, He said, is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone.



For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home. For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down. For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown. An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your children in the right way.

For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today. For always being right there through all life's important events, I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent. For untying the strings that held them when they grew up and left home.

I give you this one for courage. Then the Lord added a garnet stone. I'll place a stone of amethyst, He said for all the times you spent on your knees. When you asked if I'd take care of your children and then for having faith in Me, I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing.



*For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy and growing. And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all, for sharing unconditional love whether they were big or small. It was your love that helped them grow feeling safe and happy and proud, a love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud. After the Lord placed the last jewel in He said, **Joann**, your crown is now complete.*

You've earned your place in Heaven with your children at your feet.

Flower Attendants

Friends of the family

Pallbearers

Friends of the family

Tribute

Mom, we thank God for selecting you to be our mother. You brought so much joy into our lives that will last for a lifetime. We won't trade the memories that we shared with you for anything. We are proud that you were in our lives. We'll certainly miss you, more than you'll ever know. Especially hearing you say, "Roxann and Valerie, come here." As much as this hurts us, we are letting you go. Our hearts will always be in touch with you forever.

Love,

Roxann and Valerie

Acknowledgement

We are not quite prepared to face life's darkest hours alone. At such a time, the thoughtful expressions of friends in so many ways make the burden seem lighter. Your love, deeds, kind words, prayers and other acts of kindness have been received with profound gratitude. We thank you each and every one of you, and may God Bless you.

Love,

The Family



Arrangements

Funerals by T.S. Warden

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