



Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.

April 9, 1947 - March 31, 2022

Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr., 74, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2022, in the Hospice Care Center. He was a 1965 graduate of Howard High School. He retired from Combustion/Alstrom after 40 years of service. Cooper was also a member of the International Boilermaker Union and an AFL-CIO Representative in the Southeast Region of the country. Cooper was a member of Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastoral of Reverend Maurice Gilchrist and was a student of his mid-week bible teaching. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Judge Lyles, Lillie McGhee Lyles, and Hattie Cantrell; parents, Cooper Watkins, Sr., and Judge Ella Watkins; sister, Loellen Remson; brother, Kenneth Mayes; nephew, Gretrell Watkins, Jr.; and niece, Adrienne Watkins Thomas. Survivors include his brothers, Jerry D. Mayes of Cleveland, OH, George (Belinda) Watkins, Sr., and Gretrell Dewayne (Cassandra) Watkins, Sr.; brother-in-law, Eugene Remson; nephews, Kenneth Phil Remson, Joshua Remson, and George Watkins, Jr.; nieces, Melissa Watkins, Seteria Watkins, and Lasunndra Treadwell; a host of loving cousins, other relatives, and friends. Pastor Roger Pride will serve as the eulogist. Special thanks to Lester Lyles, Jr. and Lem Godfather Jones for stepping up with love for their older cousin, and the younger cousins, who encircled Cooper in his last days.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **14.** 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

APR **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF MR. COOPER. HE WAS A GOOD MAN! HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.

SHARON WADLEY

Sharon Wadley - April 15, 2022 at 09:47 AM

DD

“ Denise Deere lit a candle in memory of Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Denise Deere - April 13, 2022 at 02:14 PM

SC

“ Schereka Crumpton lit a candle in memory of Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Schereka Crumpton - April 13, 2022 at 11:41 AM

SC

“ May you rest in the arms of the Lord who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints welcome you now that you have gone forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you, bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise.... We love you & you will be truly missed ❤️
Schereka Crumpton and Keosha Grayson

Schereka Crumpton - April 13, 2022 at 11:40 AM

SR

“ Cooper Lee you will always be remembered for your kindness and pleasant smile that you always portrayed. May you rest in the arms of our loving Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Praying for your family and loved ones during this time of bereavement.
Love in Christ,
Sheliah Rivers



Sheliah Rivers - April 13, 2022 at 10:46 AM

CJ

“ From Pastor Stephen M. Gilchrist and the Greater Nazarene Baptist Church, we extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Family in the loss of their loved one. We will continually lift you up in prayer and want you to know that we will be happy to render service to you in any way we can. We love you all.
Elder Charles Freeman

CHARLES L. FREEMAN JR - April 13, 2022 at 08:18 AM

KG

“ R.I.P Mr.Cooper you are truly going to be missed we all loved you but God loves you more you will be forever in our hearts From the Gordon and Leaster and Turner and Millerbrook and Green and Nard Family, Love you Mr.Cooper 🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🙏🙏

Katrina Gordon - April 13, 2022 at 07:52 AM

AL

“ We love you pawpaw I miss you 😘
-From:Bo aka Skylar leaster

Amelia Leaster - April 13, 2022 at 05:43 AM

SJ

“ You and your granddaughter you loved dearly 🤔 always in our heart!



Shamelia Jackson - April 13, 2022 at 05:41 AM

TJ

Rest In Peace Cooper Lee Watkins

Tara Jarrett - April 15, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SJ

“ Always and forever 🧔🏻👤



Shamelia Jackson - April 13, 2022 at 05:40 AM

SJ

“ I love you pawpaw from you granddaughter
and great granddaughter 🙌🏻 Never be
forgotten 🕊️



Shamelia Jackson - April 13, 2022 at 05:37 AM

AL

“ Amelia Leaster lit a candle in memory of
Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Amelia Leaster - April 13, 2022 at 05:36 AM

JC

“ From your granddaughter Jercasia Caperton we miss you you'll never be forgotten we love you ❤️🕊️.
Rip🕊️



Jercasia Caperton - April 13, 2022 at 05:34 AM

KG

“ R.I.P Mr Cooper you will never be forgotten by all who knew you,from the Leaster and Green and Nard Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🕯️🕯️
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Katrina Gordon - April 13, 2022 at 04:26 AM

KG

“ Katrina Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Katrina Gordon - April 13, 2022 at 04:21 AM

AN

“ Annie Pearl Nard sent a virtual gift in memory of Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Annie Pearl Nard - April 13, 2022 at 04:20 AM

AN

“ Annie Pearl Nard lit a candle in memory of Cooper Lee Watkins, Jr.



Annie Pearl Nard - April 13, 2022 at 04:19 AM

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Annie Pearl Nard - April 13, 2022 at 04:19 AM

KG

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Katrina Gordon - April 13, 2022 at 04:18 AM