



Leon Cooper

July 28, 1956 - January 28, 2022

Leon Cooper, 65, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, January 28, 2022, in Ocala, Florida. He was born to the late Ruby Kate Cooper and Leroy McClure along with his twin on July 28, 1956, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from The Howard School in 1974 and continued taking courses at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

He was known for his boisterous laugh and jovial demeanor. He loved gospel music and would often be heard at home singing loudly to his Savior. He grew up at Mount Canaan Baptist Church and was also a part of a citywide choir and promoted and scheduled performances throughout the area. From there was a member of The Church of God in Christ where he coordinated the churches first television ministry and on to Non-denominational Churches faithfully serving as an usher for many years both locations until his health no longer made this possible

Throughout his career, he served students in the Tennessee and Georgia School Systems as an In-School Suspension Supervisor. He used counseling skills to assist students in better management of their behaviors. He had model students assisting in his classroom. Leon would give the student assistants along with their parents a pool party every year full of food, music, fellowship, and fun. He was beloved by the students, school administrators and teachers. He simultaneously served youth living in Behavioral Health

Foster Homes. He would on occasion prepare for the teens and staff his famous macaroni and cheese which everyone enjoyed. He concluded his career by continuing to provide support to those in need serving as a Community Counselor at a Mental Health In-patient Hospital in Ocala, Florida.

He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, relative and friend. He was preceded in death by his mother Ruby Kate Cooper; father Leroy McClure; identical twin brother Leroy Cooper; sister Shirley Ann Cooper; sister-in-law Cathy Cooper and father-in-law Bishop Harvey E. Robinson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 33 years, Sheila Cooper, Ocala, FL; sons, Owen Cooper graduate of SCAD, St. Petersburg, FL; Quinnton Cooper graduating senior at Williams College in Williamstown, MA; brother Theodore Sanford, Chattanooga, TN; sister Effie Bryant, Chattanooga, TN; aunt Marjorine Cooper, Chattanooga, TN; mother-in-law Catherine J. Robinson, Ocala, FL; brothers-in-law, Lenny (Janice) Jazz Drummer/Teacher Robinson, Silver Spring, MD; Alex (Arnitra) Robinson, Ocala, FL; sisters-in-law Jackie (Pastor James) White ministers of music in Deland, FL; Gevie Robinson, Professor in St. Petersburg, FL and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and many other beloved relatives and cherished friends. Dr. Steve A. Caudle will be the eulogist.

Directions to Live Stream: 1. Go to Your Facebook page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#)
3. Click 'Like' or Thumbs Up 4. Scroll down to view the service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 12, 2022 at 09:34 PM



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LW

“ *My last memory of Leon Cooper*
I was able to run into Leon and his Beautiful wife Shelia at Taylor Funeral Home ,while he was in town Chattanooga for his sister in law Kathy Cooper's service. I knew Leon he didn't know who I was(because of the mask) so I spoke to him and told him who I was and he grabbed my hand and said Oh Lord yes and he gave me the biggest hug.(which the twins were known for giving the tighest hugs) He told his wife, I knew LaTonya when she was born.(a long time) we laughed and continued to talk. But I am so glad I had a chance to talk with him that day, not knowing it would be the last conversation and my very last hug. Rest well Leon! Sending my prayers and love to the family.



LaTonya K. White - February 12, 2022 at 11:45 AM

KK

“ *Sending Condolences to tge Entire Cooper Family of my Friend. It was a Honor to call you My Friend Leon. To be absent from the Body is to be present with the Lord. John and Kathy Kelly-Sligh.*

Kathy Kelly-Sligh - February 11, 2022 at 11:52 AM

TH

“ *Rip Leon I remember those days in the District Youth Choir. When we had to put our money to together to get gas, to get to the church on Sunday evening to sing. Also remember you and Leroy coming to Alton Park school in Santa outfits to sing to the children. Praying God's strength for your family Children*

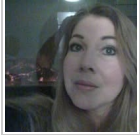
Tawana Lane Hintt - February 10, 2022 at 11:36 PM

TH

“ *Tawana Lane Hintt lit a candle in memory of Leon Cooper*



Tawana Lane Hintt - February 10, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Light a candle for those we mourn,
into a new life they will be born.
Do not look for them at the grave site,
they are somewhere else radiating their
beautiful light.*

*They have gone to a new world where there is no darkness, no
pain.*

Their light and essence will always remain.

Light a candle for those who have left this place of flesh.

They are free to travel through time and space.

When we think of them, they are near.

When we sit in a beautiful garden, their voices we hear.

When we listen to a divine symphony,

we close our eyes, their faces we see.

Light a candle for they have not really gone.

With each flickering flame, in your hearts they will always be.

Light a candle for thee.

Poem: Light a Candle by: Andrew Pell



Lisa Patterson - February 09, 2022 at 05:04 AM

MC

“ *Member off the City Sanctuary Church purchased
the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of
Leon Cooper.*



Member off the City Sanctuary Church - February 09, 2022 at
04:52 AM



“ Rest In Peace. I'm sure your twin Leroy and other loved ones have welcomed you home. To be absent in the body is to be in the presence of the Lord. Condolences to the Cooper Family. Sincerely The Family of Rose Trimble and the Late Rev. Dr. Jay P. Trimble.



Teresa Trimble-Smith - February 08, 2022 at 11:22 AM

RJ

“ Praying for the entire Cooper family. Yes the twins are back together again, Leroy directing that heavenly choir and Leon singing Holy, Holy, Holy! I shall never forget our time together growing up and singing in the Chattanooga District Choir. Many fond memories. I do miss them both.



Ron Jones - February 08, 2022 at 10:39 AM



Amen

Teresa Trimble-Smith - February 08, 2022 at 11:23 AM

KD

“ Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Leon Cooper



Kelli Darden - February 07, 2022 at 08:59 PM

KD

My thoughts and prayers are for the family and Chattanooga TN Gospel Family!!

Kelli Darden - February 07, 2022 at 09:00 PM

CF

“ *City Sanctuary Church, DeLand FL purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Leon Cooper.*



City Sanctuary Church, DeLand FL - February 07, 2022 at 02:15 PM

EB

“ *Effie Bryant/sister lit a candle in memory of Leon Cooper*



Effie Bryant/sister - February 07, 2022 at 11:04 AM

EB

Going miss you brother. Special them phone calls we will check on each other love you now you with your twin Leroy together again

Effie Bryant/sister - February 07, 2022 at 11:16 AM

WC

“ *Winifred Careathers sent a virtual gift in memory of Leon Cooper*



Winifred Careathers - February 06, 2022 at 01:55 PM

SL

“ *Praying for the Cooper family now him and his twin brother are back together; he was my sister Annette Bonner's classmate*

Silva Bonner Little - February 06, 2022 at 10:58 AM