



## Ms. Doris Cooper

January 28, 1939 - August 1, 2021

Ms. Doris Cooper was born January 28, 1939 in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of the late Augustus and Minnie Cooper of Eastman, Georgia. She transitioned on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at her home in Statesboro, Georgia.

Ms. Cooper was baptized at an early age in Georgetown (Washington, DC) and attended the Methodist church.

Ms. Cooper's educational journey took her from graduating high school to receiving a Master's degree. She attended and graduated from John Adams High School in San Francisco, California. Furthering her education, she attended Vocational Nursing School of San Francisco and City College of San Francisco. Doris moved to Georgia in 1975 and enrolled at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia, receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology in 1994. Doris earned a Master of Arts Degree in Social Science in 2007.

Ms. Cooper's career was with the Bulloch County Health Department of Statesboro. She was an epidemiologist/nurse. After thirty plus years, she retired.

Doris was a world traveler. She enjoyed visiting Spain, India, and the Fiji

Islands. She was blessed to travel throughout the United States, including cruising to Alaska, and visiting family and friends.

Doris' pleasures included being a yoga teacher and a donor to the National Museum of African American History in Washington, DC.

Ms. Cooper was the mother of three sons and one daughter. God blessed her with Reginald A. Cooper, Wayne Cooper, Doris LaWan Wesley and Roland Lucas.

Ms. Cooper is preceded in death by her parents, Augustus and Minnie Cooper, her brother, Melvin Cooper, her son, Roland Lucas and her daughter-in-law, Ada Cooper.

Ms. Cooper's memories will be forever cherished by her sons: Reginald A. Cooper (Sharon) of Glennville, GA and Wayne Cooper of Statesboro, GA; daughter: Doris LaWan Wesley of Washington, DC; grandchildren whom she adored: Tony Wilbon, Johnny M. Wesley, Nakia Cooper, Racquel Wesley, Nkenge A. Coulton (Rohan), Sophia Caver (Leonard), Michael W. Cooper (Jaimee), and Quason Lucas; ten great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

A walk thru viewing for Ms. Cooper will be held Friday August 06, 2021 from 4p.m. to 7p.m at Hill's Mortuary Inc.

The funeral service for Ms. Cooper will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday August 7th 2021, in the chapel of Hill's Mortuary Inc. with the Bishop M.L. Jackson officiating/eulogist.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social- distancing will be enforced at the funeral home. We ask that you adhere to all CDC guidelines.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary Inc.

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Doris.* 🙏❤️



**Gwen Littles** - September 17, 2022 at 03:44 PM

AA

“ *Doris was special to my family. We love her and so sad to hear of her passing. Rest in Power. Funke & Family.*

**Adefunke A** - October 26, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KB

“ *Just finding out of your passing. It is with great sadness to hear you are no longer here. You were such a powerful inspiration in my life. I am soooo glad I had the opportunity to work with you and learn so much from you. Praying for your family.*



**Kim Brown** - October 19, 2021 at 03:32 PM

LR

“ *Lorraine Raymond lit a candle in memory of Ms. Doris Cooper*



**Lorraine Raymond** - August 14, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LW

“ *Lynette Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Ms. Doris Cooper*



Lynette Wilcox - August 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM

KW

“ *Ms. Doris was a beautiful elegant lady that demonstrated love and compassion for all. She shared her knowledge and was open and honest with youth regarding sexual topics. She will forever hold a special place in my heart*

Kim Williams - August 06, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Doris Cooper.*



August 06, 2021 at 12:21 PM

CY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cooper Family @ this time & in the days ahead. 🙏*



Celentria Young - August 05, 2021 at 04:29 PM

YL

“ *Your sister, Lani purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Doris Cooper.*



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**Your sister, Lani** - August 05, 2021 at 09:36 AM

“ I hardly know where to start saying something about this wonderful woman and how very much I loved her and will miss her. Doris Cooper was a very dear friend for more than 40 years. In fact she embraced me as a sister she never had., which was a gift to me. We shared many wonderful adventures and lovely moments that will always be in my mind and heart—setting up health projects, going to Spain, going to Barack Obama’s first inauguration, participating in activist marches and just enjoying each other. She was naturally curious and reached out for all formal educational opportunities as well as informal opportunities. She tried to help others and to teach those she loved about all the challenges of life. One little phrase she often said to me when we would end a conversation that seems to reflect her nature was: “Call me if you need me.” I loved her as many did and it is very hard to think of going on without her. We formed a bond of love and admiration that lasted for the rest of her life and will certainly last for the rest of mine. But I know the past seven years have been very hard on Doris and on her family. She has struggled with a cruel illness that robbed her of much. But one thing that illness could not take from her was the love and commitment of her family.

The Bible says, “honor thy father and mother”. No family could possibly have done more to make that idea a living testament. I remember her daughter-in-law, Ada, setting up a plan to make sure Doris was properly cared for at all times. And then her sons, Wayne and Reggie, stepping forward to implement aspects of the plan. And others who loved her also stood by. No holiday went by unrecognized. The family made sure that Doris was safe and comfortable at all times, but also tried to put joy into her life on a daily basis. When they were not able to be present themselves, they made sure the people who were with her were kind and caring. They gave of themselves even when it was inconvenient or difficult. It is hard to overestimate the heroism represented by that seven year effort of patience, love and amazing commitment. I am awed. Though Doris herself cannot be with us, she has left behind a legacy of people who are truly extraordinary and will make a real

*difference for good in the world. I was honored to be part of Doris's life and hope to continue to be embraced by her family.*

**Lani Graham** - August 05, 2021 at 09:23 AM

EH

*Doris was an awesome woman!! With strength, hope, and caring fir others. Always willing to help. We shared nursing st work and she was a woman if great resources. Even after I left the Health Department I would call her and ask her for advice. She was a great epidemiology nurse, friend, and colleague. My condolences to the family.*

**EIDonna Hilde** - August 05, 2021 at 06:21 PM

MJ

“*Praise GOD! Wayne, siblings and other family members. I'm praying with you as I know how it is. Mrs. Doris was someone special. I met her when we worked at the Wellness Center and she's been so sweet ever since. RWG young lady.*

*Min. Cynthia Jackson*



**Min. Jackson** - August 04, 2021 at 03:44 PM

JW

*Doris was an opened minded sophisticated lady and my friend. Woll miss you.*

*JJerome Woody*

**Jerome Woody** - August 25, 2021 at 06:48 PM