

Active Pallbearers—Grandsons

Etienne Cooper	Demitri Neal
Dewitt Cooper, III	James Byrd, Jr.
Kenneth Harris	Myron Hall
Terrenyce Cooper, II	

Honorary Pallbearers

Roosevelt Hall	Errol Cooper
Dewitt Cooper, Jr.	Demitri Cooper
Terrenyce Cooper	

Flower Attendants

Rasheeta Cooper	Nakeena Taylor
Shalon Cooper	Nekiya Covington
Sade Cooper	Siteria Brooks
Theresa Daniels	Angela Morgan
Stacey Cooper	Monica Stone
Santreesse Young	Keturah Young
Nefeteria Cooper	Cheryl Johnson

Acknowledgement

We are most grateful to God for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your visits, calls, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour. May God forever bless each of you.

~ The Family of the late Dewitt Leavon Cooper, Sr. ~

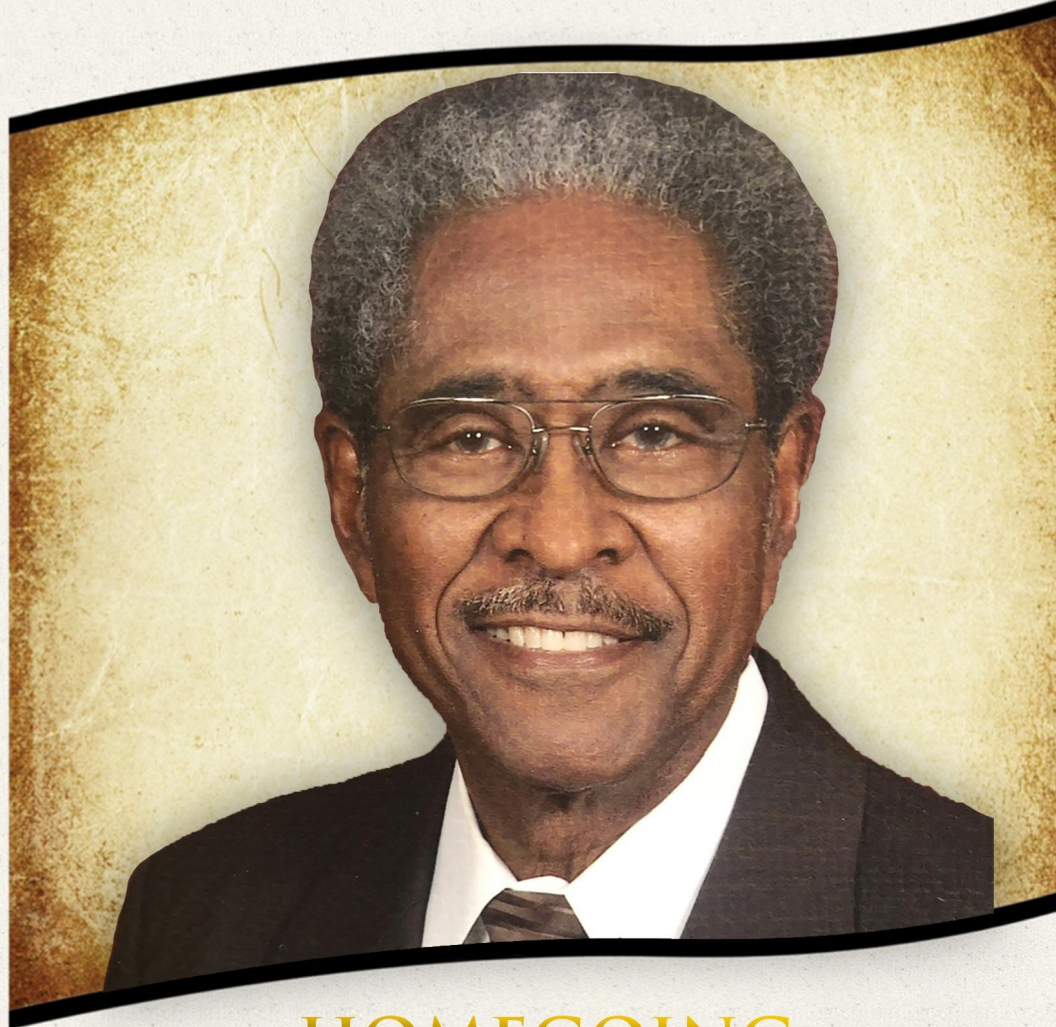
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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR DEWITT LEAVON COOPER, SR.

SUNRISE: JULY 14TH, 1932 - SUNSET: JULY 21ST, 2022

11:00AM - SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 2022

MT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2036 Silver Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Obituary

Dewitt L. Cooper, Sr., the son of the late Walter and Marilyn Riggins Cooper, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on July 14, 1932. He was baptized at an early age and remained a dedicated member of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. He was a Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, and church choir member during his membership.

Dewitt attended the Duval County Public School, where he graduated from Stanton High with the class of 1952. His senior class voted and selected him as the most handsome male. As an alumnus, he was an active member of the 1952 class reunion committee until his passing.

As a teenager, he had a newspaper delivery route in the community. When he came of age, he was employed by Winn Dixie warehouse as a forklift driver.

While employed at Winn Dixie warehouse, he started the first organized employee's union. The union's sole purpose was to promote the rights of the employees at Winn Dixie. He remained with Winn Dixie before retiring after 35 years of dedicated service.

He served in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1961 and was a Navy Heavy Attack Squadron member.

He started a security agency in the early 60s, which was recognized as the first and only African American security agency in Florida. As a senior, he established a lawn service in the local community to assist mostly the elderly. He was known to have rendered services to as many as 30 customers per month.

For a recreational sport, Dewitt enjoyed bowling. He bowled with an organized bowling team that was competitive with other groups. This was a sport that he enjoyed. During his military assignment, he played basketball with his shipmates to maintain his physical fitness.

Our father was a nurturing, loving, and caring person who deeply cared for all of his children and family.

As a grandparent, he was cool, unique, and walked to the beat of his drum. Dewitt wanted the best for all of us. He learned how to apologize. He was strong, showed unconditional love, and showed patience and love in his way. He carried a presence that was a signature to the Cooper family.

Dewitt was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Mae (2020); former wives, Eleanor (1988) and Freddyeryka (1986); and grandsons, Terrenyce and Johnathan.

His children survive him: Beverly C. Stone, Charlene C. Daniels, Hughesville, MD, Natalie C. Covington (Kenneth), Errol Cooper (Rhonda), Los Angeles, CA, Dewitt Cooper Jr. (Patricia), Demetri Cooper (Shelia), Algeree C. Fleming, Terrenyce Cooper (Dasha), Siteria C. Byrd (James, Sr.), and Terri C. Brooks; devoted step children, Kim Young and Roosevelt Hayes; grandchildren 21; great-grandchildren 26; great great-grandchildren 5; 4 loving step grandchildren; brother-in-law, Clifford Goff (Phyllis), loyal family friends: Betty Covington, Mary Byrd, and Juanita Copeland; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Order of Service

PRELUDE MUSICIANS

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION FROM CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament ~ Pastor James Byrd, Jr.
New Testament ~ Pastor Issac McCullough

INVOCATIONAL & PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor R. L. Gundy

SELECTION FROM SOLOIST

Mr. Dewitt Cooper, III

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Church Clerk

REMARKS

As a Friend ~ Reverend Ernest Johnson
As a Son ~ Mr. Dewitt Cooper, Jr.
As a Granddaughter ~ Ms. Sade Cooper

RESOLUTIONS

Church Clerk

SELECTION FROM CHOIR

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor R. L. Gundy, Senior Pastor

RECESSIONAL

Interment

**11:30 AM, Monday, August 1, 2022, Lane 3
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218**