



Cora Tyler Cooper

November 16, 1919 - October 25, 2016

Obituary for Cora Tyler Cooper

In the early morning hours of October 25, 2016, Cora peacefully transitioned to her Heavenly home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at the Golden Living Center in Glen Allen, Virginia after a lengthy series of illnesses. Cora was 96 years old.

Cora was born in Goochland County, Virginia on November 16, 1919. Cora was preceded in death by her mother Ella Tyler Lewis, her grandmother Cora Tyler, her namesake, her sister Helen Brown, and her brothers Irvin Tyler, Samuel, Robbie, Percy, and Willie Lewis, and her sons Levi and Harold R. Cooper, Sr.

Grandma Cora, as she was affectionately called, accepted Christ at an early age at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Goochland, Virginia. Later, she joined the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church, also in Goochland, Virginia. After joining in Holy matrimony to James "Jack" Alexander Cooper, she moved to Richmond, Virginia and joined the Sharon Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her health began to decline. From this union, four children were born: Arthur, Levi, Harold, and Ollie Mae.

Grandma Cora was educated in the Goochland County Public Schools

system. Grandma Cora truly loved her family and often boasted of having the "best" family. Grandma Cora's passion was in giving to make others happy, and in doing so, she received great joy in that action even if it meant she often neglected her own needs. One of her favorite sayings was, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain." Grandma Cora had a heart of gold that surpassed all measures. She truly loved her family and enjoyed family gatherings and having her large family surround her. If anyone was passing through town and needed a place to rest, Grandma Cora could always find a way to accommodate, even giving up her own to ensure that everyone felt welcomed when in her presence. Because of deep and undying love for her family, for which she will always be fondly remembered, one of Grandma Cora's final requests she made to her grandson "Junnie" and granddaughter Cheryl was to "keep the family together."

Grandma Cora also loved to give to others. She believed in giving until it hurts, and that is what she always did. Whenever the family was asked to suggest an amount to give others for a birthday, wedding, birth, or anniversary gift, they often cringed because Grandma Cora would always "out-give" everyone. And she did so very quietly. While the family would often get a card for everyone to sign, Grandma Cora wanted to have her own card, and before the family could see what amount she had given, Grandma Cora would quickly seal her envelope. When her children and grandchildren would inquire about how much she was giving, Grandma Cora would say, "Now, that's grown folks' business!" In other words, she reminded her family to "mind their own business."

Grandma Cora was feisty with everyone. In the midst of the storm, her granddaughter, Cheryl, her long-term caregiver seemed to have been the only one able to calm her down. Her daughter, Ollie Mae, also reminds everyone that Grandma Cora always believed that when she was right, and she knew she was right, she was not changing her mind no matter what others thought

of her decisions, opinions, or actions, even when her family and friends, back in the day, would tell her that, "Wrestling (which she loved to watch) was fake."

Grandma Cora, the matriarch of the family, will be sorely missed by all who met and got to know this remarkable woman of God, who lived the life she sang about in her words and actions. Grandma Cora is survived by a loving and devoted son and daughter, Arthur J. Cooper (Mattie) and Ollie Mae Charity; devoted grandsons, Dr. Willie "Junnie" Stroble, Sherwood Tony (Elise), and Wayne Levi (Christine) Stroble; devoted granddaughters, Cheryl Ann Browne, Tracy Michelle Brown (Willie), and Glennise Fleming; devoted great-grandsons, Shawn Browne (Wilhamenia) and Corey Fountain; sister, Mary L. Sharpe; brother John Lewis (Adriane); one sister-in-law, Inetta Lewis; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, among them, extended family members: Albert Alexander, Mary Gresham and family, and Galvester and Jannie Mae Banks.

God saw that Grandma Cora was tired and she could not get well, so He whispered in her ear last Tuesday morning to, "Come home, my good and faithful servant and take your well-deserved rest." The family takes comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Grandma Cora is finally at rest with all of her family members who preceded her. She is now walking around Heaven with her brand new legs, something that she wanted to be able to do when her earthly legs would no longer work for her.

Rest in paradise, Grandma Cora, until we see you again. While we loved you and will miss your presence here on Earth, we take comfort in knowing that God loved you best, and he is too wise to make a mistake. We accept His will.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning!" (Psalms 30:5)

Cemetery Details

Chief Cornstone Baptist Church Cemetery

4481 Three Square Road
Goochland, VA 23063

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **28**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church-Richmond
22 East Leigh Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Tribute Wall



“ *Cora Tyler Cooper*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JR

I do believe that Cora was a cousin to my father Charles Louis Tyler. I remember he talked about an Aunt Ella who I believe was the sister of his mother Ollie Mae. I vaguely remember traveling to the Goochland/Richmond area as a child in the 70s. If it we may be related. please, let me know if I have found some of my father's people. I think she had a couple of sisters, Lola who lived in NY and Lucille (I think in Richmond)

Joy Tyler Russell - December 17, 2023 at 08:49 PM

DS

“ *Happy Birthday, Grandma! It has only been three weeks, and I still can't believe that you have gone home. Rest well, Grandma. Never goodbye. I'll see you in the morning. Lovingly submitted!*

Your first-born grandson, Willie "Junnie"

Dr. Willie Stroble - November 16, 2016 at 06:27 PM

RW

“ *And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.*

Ronald Wilkins - October 31, 2016 at 08:06 AM

JO

“ Please allow me the chance to express my deepest condolences for the loss of your most precious loved one Cora. I know that this is a difficult time for you but please know that the time will soon come when all those who have died will live again by means of the resurrection. John5:28-29 Do not let your heart be troubled. We will see our loved ones again and at that time, the bible has promised that there will be no more pain, suffering or death. Rev21:3-4 I pray that the many fond memories of Cora will fill your hearts and bring joy to your soul..Just knowing that she was so special to so many people and that she will forever hold a place in your heart should be a source of comfort and strength for you. Yes, she is only sleeping! God assures us that soon, she will come back to life! God can not lie! Titus1:2

Joy - October 31, 2016 at 07:36 AM

TP

“ Sincerest condolence for the loss of your loved one. May the Most High GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.(Psalms 55:22)

T. Parker - October 30, 2016 at 07:50 AM

CB

“ Grandma you will forever be in my heart, thanks for all the life lessons that you taught me.
I will truly miss you . RIP until we meet again. Cheryl

Cheryl Browne - October 30, 2016 at 07:28 AM

TR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Miss Cora's passing. She was a lovely, sweet, gracious lady. Sending love and prayers of comfort and strength to the entire family.

Betty and Tosha Robinson

Tosha Robinson - October 29, 2016 at 07:02 AM

MG

“ Grandma Cora was a grandmother to everyone. Your bright smile and tender presence will be missed. Grandma Ollie, CHeryl , Tracy and the family, we grieve with you, but know Grandma Cora is in such a better place. Our heartfelt condolences to you. We love you all!

The Gresham's (Big Granny, Mary, Alexis, "The Boys" and Arielle)

Mary Gresham - October 28, 2016 at 06:24 AM

JO

“ Dear Cooper family, I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort be with you all. 2Cor. 1: 3,4

Jon - October 26, 2016 at 08:04 AM

VO

“ Mom Ollie and family-
My heart goes out to all of you on this very sad day. I have so many wonderful memories of times spent with the family. Those incredibly happy times are deeply imbedded in my soul and are an integral part of who I am. The love I received from your family and the love I feel for you are genuine and true. I remember grandma Cora's love of WWF and how she would sit in front of the TV and shout "get him, get him" as her favorite wrestler tackled his opponent and we would all laugh at how caught up she was in it. It's times like this when we feel guilty about not spending enough time with those we love. In my last conversation with her she said please come see us Von. Don't wait until it's too late. That conversation weighs heavy on me now because now it is too late. I had every intention of coming to see her and we get so busy with our everyday lives that the days just fly by. I'm proud of you for taking care of her until the end. She knew how much her family loved her. My deepest sympathy and love to all of you.

Von - October 26, 2016 at 07:04 AM

MJ

“ My heart goes out to the Cooper family in your time of sorrow. (Psalms 34:18) "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit."

M J Jarmon - October 26, 2016 at 06:48 AM

KS

“ Mrs Cooper will always be grandma Cora to me. Thank you for endless stories and life lessons. You had a heart of gold and touch like silk. Your energy and views will always be remembered. You will always have a spot in my heart. Thank you again for keeping the family together. Rest in paradise my love!

Kim Schilling - October 25, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 25, 2016 at 07:25 AM