



Walter George Cooper Sr.

July 13, 1939 - October 4, 2021

A Celebration of Life

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”(1 Timothy 4:6-8)

Walter George Cooper, Sr, son of the late Roosevelt Cooper and Alberta J. Cooper Johnson, was born on July 13, 1939, in Lake City, South Carolina. He was the fourth sibling born of ten children.

He was affectionately called “Wash” by family and friends, a nickname given by his father, which was also his grandfather’s nickname. In 1942, the family decided to relocate to Maryland, where they found residence in the Turner Station and Sparrows Point area.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at a very early age and joined the fellowship of the St. Matthews United Methodist Church of Turner Station, MD, and later Ebenezer Methodist Church of Sparrows Point, MD, with his mother and siblings.

Wash was a product of the Baltimore County School System, graduating from

the Sollers Point High School in 1957. In school, he was very much involved in sports – ran track and played basketball. Right after graduation in 1957, he joined the United States Army where he served and received an Honorable Discharge.

Wash met his high school sweetheart, Clarissa Whitt, when she was in 10th grade. After their courtship, they were united in Holy Matrimony on March 26, 1960 – a forever love for 61 years. Wash was blessed with five children: Diane, Walter, Jr., Daniel, Sr., Calvin, and Artis. They began their family life in Turners Station and Douglas Homes. With a growing family, they took up residence and found a larger home at 1214 N. Montford Avenue (East Baltimore). He raised his children with morals and family values, particularly his sons, who have become the great family men that they are. He loved his family – and that included his siblings and their families, as well as cousins and other relatives. The family made another move to Arnold Court, which has now become the home of their eldest son, Walter, Jr.

After returning home from serving in the military, Wash gained employment at Bethlehem Steel, Sparrow Point, and Johns Hopkins Hospital. He then found employment with Western Electric Company in Baltimore from 1964-1984. In 1984, the company changed over to AT&T and relocated to two out-of-town locations, Richmond, VA, and Atlanta, GA. Wash, along with his wife, Clarissa, chose to relocate to Richmond where he worked until his retirement in 1996 after 32 years. After arriving in Richmond, he began attending the Trinity Baptist Church. He accepted the invitation, got baptized, and joined the fellowship with his wife, and daughter, DeeDee.

Being an avid sports fan, Wash assisted with coaching the neighborhood baseball and basketball teams on Montford Avenue. He loved watching all types of sports, especially football games with his sons – “Go Ravens!”. In 1996, Wash and two other colleagues, Hayes, and Donald Harris, took on a

great venture and opened a lounge/club in Atlanta, GA, and named it – “Tanqueray Lounge”. The lounge was geared towards the mature crowd, a popular spot where everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, good food, and having a good time. Wash was a people’s person, loved traveling and playing cards. He took great pride in his appearance, always “dressed to the nines!”

While in Atlanta, Wash experienced health issues and returned to Richmond in 2013. He never complained and was always in good spirits. On the morning of Monday, October 4, 2021, God, in His infinite wisdom, called home another one of his soldiers, Walter George Cooper, Sr., to his eternal home. No more pain, no more suffering. He has reunited with his parents and his siblings, Clayton W. Burgess, Livingston Cooper, Roosevelt Cooper, and Joan Duppins.

Wash leaves to cherish loving memories: his wife of 61 years, Clarissa Whitt Cooper (“Tinker”); five children, Diane (DeeDee) Cooper-Herrman; Walter G. Cooper, Jr. (Dawn), Daniel E. Cooper, Sr. (Jacqueline), Calvin G. Cooper (Stacy), and Artis Y. Lee; thirteen grandchildren, LaDawna, Kimberly, Aljerlear (AJ), Daniel, Jr., Ronald, Devin, Stephanie, Phylisia, Walter, III, Kaitlyn, Shane, Kayden, and Mason; twenty great-grandchildren; three brothers, William Cooper (Carla), Ernest Cooper (Molly) and Gilbert Cooper; two sisters, Dessie Moore and Alberta Curbeam (Nathaniel); sister-in-law, Gladys Lawson; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Wash has left an everlasting impression among all who knew and loved him. An extraordinary man who will greatly be missed but never forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Family Visitation

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

*Israel Baptist Church
1200 N. Washington Street
Baltimore, MD 21213

Homegoing Celebration

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

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1200 N. Washington Street
Baltimore, MD 21213

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Walter George Cooper Sr., Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - October 11, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Walter George Cooper Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Walter George Cooper Sr..*



October 13, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Condolences to the entire family! May you all find joy when reflecting on those memories created over the years! Blessings!!*

Mack & Cameron Hardison - October 13, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter George Cooper Sr..*



October 13, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter George Cooper Sr..*



October 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *"Wash" was the best father-in-law a girl could have. I thank him for raising his sons to be the awesome men that they grew up to be. I've been know him and the family since a very young child where we all lived on the 1200 block of N. Montford Avenue. He was a very distinguished man, took pride in everything that he did. We had great times when the family would get together, and not always for any special day or occasion. No more pain, no more suffering. Rest in peace. I will truly miss him. Love you always!!!!*

Jackie Richardson Cooper - October 08, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Coop will greatly be missed at Frensius Kidney Care....he was my favorite patient....he was a awesome patient no matter what he was going through he was always pleasant...and never complain, .we will miss you at West End Coop.....❤️ Ronnie*

Ronnie from Frensius Kidney Care - October 06, 2021 at 04:27 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 05, 2021 at 05:13 PM