

Obituary

Linda Faye Smith Cooper, 63, passed away peacefully in the arms of her family on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Linda, the second eldest of four, was born in Marion, South Carolina, on December 16, 1959. At an early age, she proved to be strong-willed, independent, and mostly notably, compassionate. This coupled with her unwavering strength, undoubtedly guided her throughout her life.

Linda graduated from Marion High School in 1978, and shortly after relocated to Columbia, South Carolina, where she attended and received an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science from Benedict College. It was here that she met and subsequently married Lorenza Cooper in 1984, later having one son, Lorenza *Boss*, and two daughters, Lateria *Sherell*, and Laniya. She later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services Management from the University of Phoenix. She was employed at Bankers Mortgage and Blue Cross and Blue Shield. In 2020, she retired from her role as Administrative Program Coordinator, after a 32-year tenure at the Department of Social Services.

Linda felt immense joy in being a military wife, mother, and grandmother; however, she was so much more to so many. She was also an adviser, a confidant, a mentor, and a friend. She loved her family deeply and celebrated all opportunities to create priceless memories. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Myrtle Beach, shopping, cooking, and attending her children's and grandchildren's activities. Most of all, she was a devout Christian, a true believer and follower of Jesus Christ. She was a decades-long member of Brookland Baptist Church, and for many years a member of the Charles B. Jackson singers.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, Luther Smith, Jr. and Mary Bell Smith.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of more than 39 years, Lorenza Cooper; her children, Lorenza Cooper, Jr., PhD (Ariane), of Stafford, Virginia, Lateria Sherell Jeffreys (Charles), of Glen Burnie, Maryland, and Laniya Nicole Cooper, of Columbia, South Carolina; her grandchildren, Ava Elise Cooper, Lorenza Cooper III, and Jace Ari Cooper, all of Stafford, Virginia; her siblings, Lorenzo Smith, of Marion, South Carolina, Eleanor *Patsy* Paige, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Jaqueline Crawford (William), of Marion, South Carolina; her god sisters, Mary Cooper, of Columbia, South Carolina, Pamela Hannah-Mack, of Florence, South Carolina, Sylvia Martin, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Reverend Betty Brown, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Darrell King, Presiding

Prelude.....	Mr. Harold Brooker
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	“Blessed Assurance”
Old Testament.....	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament.....	II Timothy 4:6-8
Prayer.....	Minister
Acknowledgments.....	Ms. Daphne Suber
Selection.....	Mrs. Janie Ruth McKnight
Remarks.....	Ms. Celeste Moore Mr. Lee Mack Crawford
Selection.....	Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lee Crawford
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME

by Cigi Paige

As my sight slowly faded, I knew that my earthly life could not be
kept I heard my relatives' comfort
and talk to my husband as he wept
I, also, heard a voice say "Come with me"
in the midst of the talking
And very angelically, I started walking Step by step
on brand new feet
I began to walk on a golden street
I looked around and saw pearly gates and angels flying free I saw
many mansions as far as the eye can see
I asked the Lord "Is this for real?"
He gave me an assured nod... And said
For to be absent from the body is to be present with God My child,
enjoy your stay
and feel free to walk around all day
So, with my brand new robe that's exactly what I did with a smile
Gazing at the beauty, step by step and mile by mile everything was
like a dream come true
But then I thought about the nightmare that you must be going thru
Oh my husband, my children, my sisters, my brothers
My family, my friends, and countless others
I dare not tell you not to feel grief, I dare not tell you not to cry
Because I would do the same thing had it been you instead of I But
don't let the sorrow over take you for I am at peace
No more sickness, no more pain. I finally got some relief to my
lovely husband of many years
Don't think about the "what ifs,"
you did the best that you could do
Remember me, my love, without falling victim to your tears
You've been by my side through my ailments and thru every crisis
I just want to say Thank You so much for all of your sacrifices
Don't pity me... for now I have no more suffering, no more pain
That's enough right there for somebody to PRAISE HIS HOLY
NAME!

Pallbearers

Marion High School Class of 1978

Floral Bearers

Marion High School Class of 1978

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Linda Faye Smith Cooper, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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IN LOVING
Memory



Mrs. Linda Faye Smith Cooper



Tuesday, July 11, 2023

12:00 Noon

Brookland Baptist Church Northeast

1203 Summit Parkway

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.

- Officiating -