

General John A. Cooper, affectionately called by Pastor Hinton, was called home to be with the lord on Thursday, March 30, 2023. He was the only son born on April 23, 1927, to the late John Cooper and the late Eddie Campbell Cooper in Charlotte, North Carolina.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Eula G. Cooper and a grandson, Sean Frye.

John was educated in the Mecklenburg County School System and received his high school diploma from Gratz High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

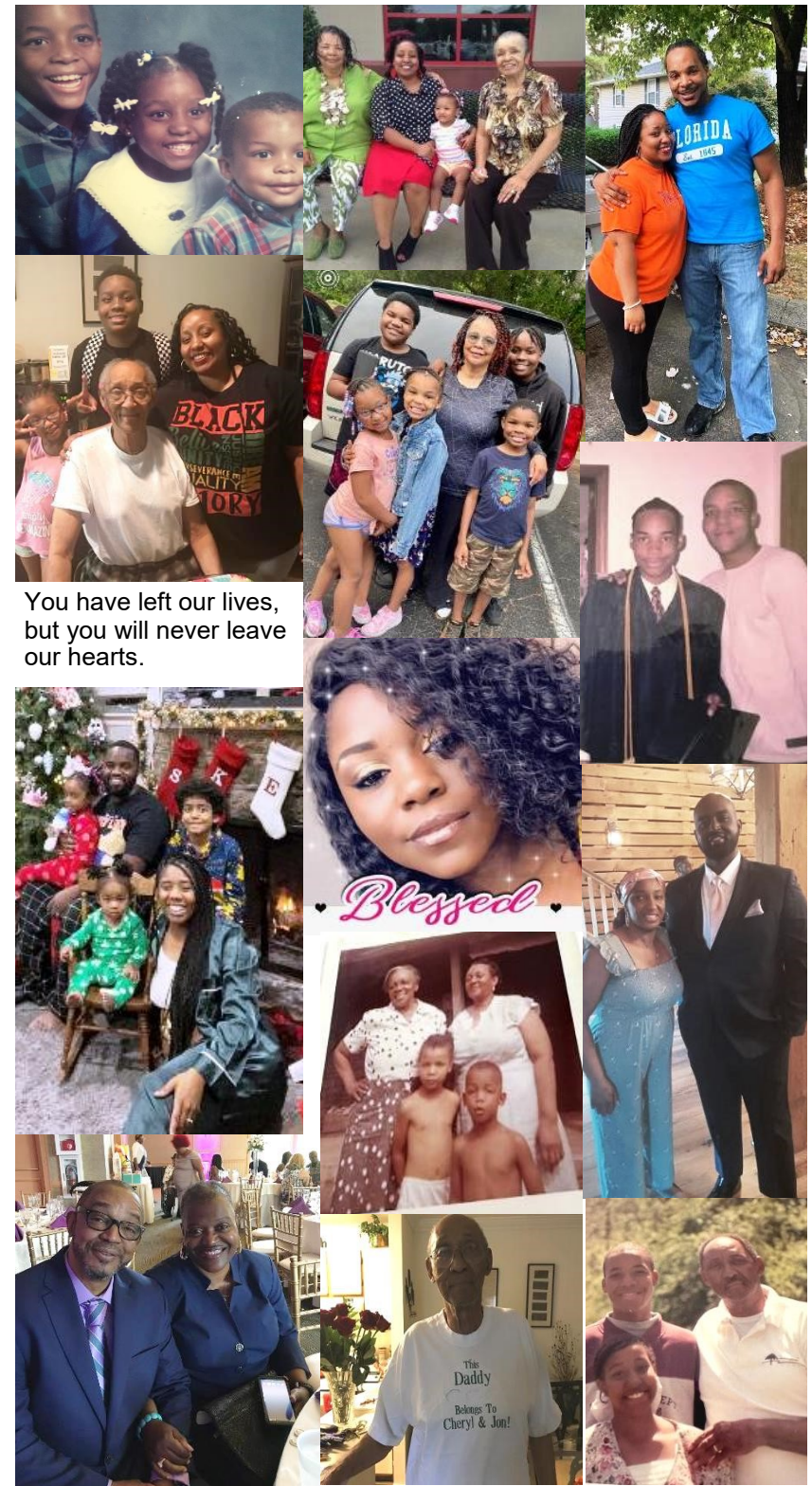
John joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 (WWII) and his classification was Steward Mate. He received an honorable discharge after serving 2 tours. In 1952, John married his lovely bride, Eula G. Glass and two children were born of this union.

John began his career with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier and retired in 1984.

John enjoyed traveling extensively, taking pictures wherever he went, listening to music, playing solitaire, and attending sports events with friends. His love for family and friends was phenomenal. His calm and humble nature allowed people to feel at ease in his presence. He always encouraged people to travel and enjoy life.

John and his wife joined the Tabernacle Baptist church at the prompting of dear friends, Charlie and Elvira Hunter. John joined the Golden Years Senior Group, was active in the Men's Sunday School class and his true passion was in the visitation ministry where he visited the members on the healing and recovery list. He loved visiting and encouraging his church members. John was a devoted son, husband, and father.

He leaves the following to cherish his legacy; son, Jon Cooper (Julie) of Burlington, NC; daughter, Cheryl Cooper of the home; grandchildren, Tariq Cooper (Nabila) of Columbus, Ohio, Alike Coper of Murfreesboro, TN, William Hart II (Shanee) of Newport, NC, Anthony Washington of Philadelphia, PA, Naadiya Washington of Philadelphia, PA, and Saadiq Cooper (Ebony) of Philadelphia, PA and fourteen great-grandchildren. John also leaves wonderful memories with six bonus daughters, Teresa Sanders, Melanie Elder, Ursula Davis, Sylvia Cooper, Ashley Bradley and Vallrea Barber along with extended dear family, Gary and Vanessa Crawford in addition to nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



You have left our lives, but you will never leave our hearts.

Blessed

ORDER OF SERVICE

Military Honors

Call to Worship
Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Old Testament
Pastor Herbert L. Torrence

New Testament
Minister Beryl Miller

Prayer of Comfort
Sister Ursula Davis

Song
Music Ministry

Remarks
Dorothy Powe, Niece
William Hart II, Grandson
Tyree Harris & William Hart III
Great Grandsons
Deacon Frank McClure-Church Member

Church Resolution
Church Clerk

Song
Erica Smith Beard

Words of Comfort
Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Benediction

He Only Takes the Best

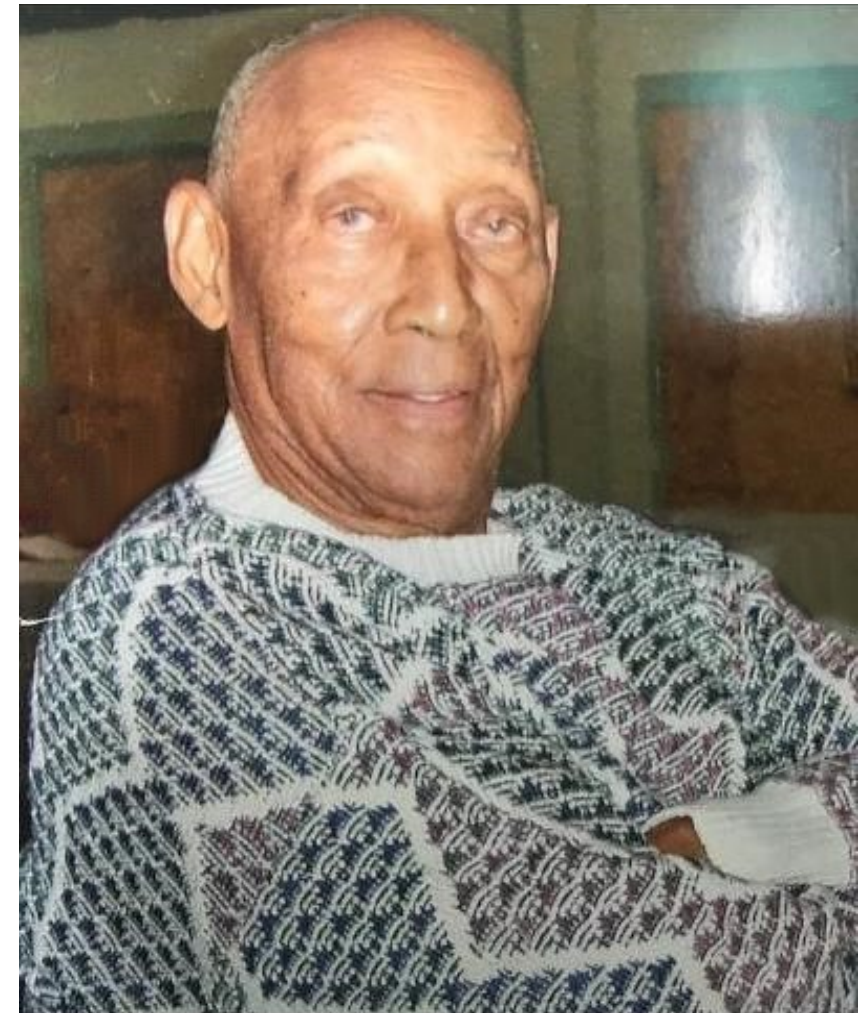
God watched you as you suffered
and knew you had your share.
He gently closed your loving eyes
and took you in His care.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With that we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.
Nothing could be more beautiful
than the memories we have of you.
To us you were someone special.
God must have thought so too.
All our lives we shall miss you,
as the years come and go
but in our hearts you will live forever
because we loved you so.

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God in His goodness keep you in His tender loving care.

The Family

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In Loving Remembrance Of
John Athea Cooper

Saturday, April 8, 2023
12:00 PM

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 West 19th Avenue
Gastonia, North Carolina

Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor