



Acknowledgement

The family of Pastor Melanie Cooper Prather extends our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, and thoughtful gestures have brought us strength and peace when we needed it most.

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Casket Bearers

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Always Loved...

Never Forgotten

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IN LOVING *Memory*



*Pastor
Melanie Cooper Prather*

FEBRUARY 20, 1956 - AUGUST 3, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 AT 11:00AM

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Celebrating The life & Legacy *Pastor* *Melanie Cooper Prather*

FEBRUARY 20, 1956 - AUGUST 3, 2026

PASTOR MELANIE COOPER PRATHER – AGE 70, - Of Dalton, Georgia passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026. She was born on February 20, 1956, the beloved daughter of George and Louise Wofford Cooper, the youngest of her siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, brother, Clinton Cooper, sisters, Loretta C. Willis, and Wanda Cooper, sister-in-law, Ann Bowles.

She graduated from Dalton High School Class of 1974 where she was a member of the track team. Pastor Melanie worked in Customer Service at Shaw for many years until her well earned retirement. Her service to the Lord began when she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior where she joined Pure Holiness Church of God under the leadership of Elder Flowers and Bishop S. Ackey.

The Love She Shared – On June 10, 1989 she married the love of her life, Minister Robert L. Prather, Jr. whom she shared thirty-seven years of love and life. Melanie was later called to carry His word and to Pastor Melanie faith and service was the fire that fueled her soul and worship was what she loved. Her walk with Jesus was whom she loved and she's now resting in His arms. She faithfully served as Pastor of New Covenant Deliverance Church in Dalton, Georgia and First Lady of Ephraim Deliverance Family Church in Ringgold, Georgia, along with her husband. She labored faithfully with ROT – Reach Out and Touch Radio Ministry until her health declined.

Those who live in love live on in the hearts of those left behind. Pastor Melanie leaves to cherish her memories a devoted husband, Elder Robert L. Prather, Jr.; two stepsons, Robert L. “Pee Wee” Prather, III, Santrez “Petey ” Prather; two sisters, Elder Joyce Ann Cooper and Renee Bowie; brother, Mitchell (Carolyn) Cooper; sisters-in-law, Jennifer (Gregory) Ponder, Alberta Prather, Andrea Weston, Willie Mae Miller, Mary Jane Smith, Mary Helen Jackson, Denise Lindsey, Ella (Orlando) Hackett, Sherri Watson, Dr. Carol Prather Turner; brothers-in-law, Minister Prentice (Stephanie) Prather, Terry Willis, Jimmy Bowles, Derek Prather; goddaughter, Khalilah Steele; aunt, Genevelyn Wofford Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; extended family, friends, and her church family.

Loving Memories



Through Memories

the one we love live in our
Hearts Forever



Life Reflections Of
Pastor Melanie Cooper Prather
Elder Gregg M. Cooper - Officiant

The Order of *Service*

Prelude.....Musician
Processional.....Vick's Apostolic Praise Team
Final Glance.....Sealing of Remains
Solo.....Apostle Furman Mims
Consolation from the Holy Word
Old Testament.....Minister
New Testament.....Minister
Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Detria Smith
Solo.....Vick's Apostolic Praise Team
Eulogy.....Pastor Melanie Cooper Prather and Elder Robert Prather
Ephraim Deliverance Family Church
Recessional.....Vick's Apostolic Praise Team

Thank you for your presence.

~ Final Resting Place ~

Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction and Interment

*West Hill Cemetery
Dalton, GA*