

## Flower Bearers

Class of 1972

## Pallbearers

Geordan Jackson      George Jackson  
Cordaro Pinkins      Trevor Smith, Sr.  
Dexter Warren, Sr.    Bryant West

## Acknowledgements

*We, the family of the late Mrs. Mae Carolyn Howard Cooper, extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, and words of encouragement shown during our time of loss. Your love and support have brought us great comfort. It is our sincere prayer that God continues to strengthen and sustain us, and that His abundant blessings rest upon each of you. May His grace and protection always be with you.*

*Heavenly Father,*

*I lift my grandmother up to you right now. You know exactly what she is going through and what her heart truly needs. I pray that no matter what comes her way, you will cover her with peace that only you can give. Help her trust you, that you are working, even in quiet moments when she can't see or feel it. Hold her close Lord. Wrap her in your comfort and remind her today she is deeply*

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# A Celebration of Life



*Mrs. Mae Carolyn*  
**HOWARD - COOPER**

**JUNE 28, 1954 – MAY 02, 2026**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 @ 1:30 PM**

**PAYNE CHAPEL AME CHURCH**

**569 ANDREW STREET**

**CUTHBERT, GEORGIA 39840**

**REVEREND HENRY HOGAN, III, PASTOR, OFFICIATING**

# Reflections of Life

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. -2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)*

Mrs. Mae Carolyn Howard Cooper was born on June 28, 1954, to Oneda Humbert and Alexander Hargrove in Cuthbert, Randolph County, Georgia. From childhood, she was instilled with strong values of faith, family, and a strong work ethic—principles that guided her throughout her life.

At an early age, she joined Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, where her faith began to grow and remained an important part of her life. She was a proud member of the Class of 1972 at Henderson High School in Cuthbert, Georgia. Throughout her life, Carolyn was known for her dedication and willingness to work hard. She worked at the Sandwich Shop and later with Parker’s Security, consistently giving her best in every role she held.

She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Carlton Cooper and together they built a loving and supportive home. Their doors were always open, and they welcomed many with warmth, generosity, and compassion. Family was at the heart of everything they did, and they took great pride in nurturing strong, lasting bonds.

Carolyn found her greatest joy in the simple pleasures of life, spending time with family and friends and enjoying lively card games. Her laughter and love filled every room, and those cherished moments will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be remembered for her warmth, her love for others, and the lasting memories she created with those she held dear.

On May 2, 2026, Carolyn gave up her earthly life for Heavenly reward. Although we are deeply saddened, we know that God doesn’t make mistakes. In addition to her parents, Oneda Humbert and Alexander Hargrove, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carlton Cooper, sisters, Toledo Howard and Gloria Jean Edge; brother, Henry Gainer; mother and father-in-law, Mable & Jack Cooper and sisters-in-law, Ruby Cooper and Alice Johnson.

Sweet and precious memories of Carolyn will forever be cherished by her children, Terence Howard, Torrey Howard, Dion McElroy, Sr., Carlisa Cooper, and Crystal (Calvin) Lewis; her devoted grandson and caregiver, Teviest Howard, Sr., along with caregiver, Kristi Gay; 27 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; her beloved siblings, Luneda (Nelson) Brown, Reverend Dr. Alvin (Dorothy) Howard, Sr., Deacon Larry (Shelia) Howard, Sr., Vanetta Howard, Rocell Johnson, and Forristine (TC) Barr; children she loved as her own, Brenda Batten-Woodard, Dr. LaKia Moore-Spencer, Kevin Bouyer, and Marlin Bouyer, Sr.; sister-in-law, Jacqueline (Willie) Patterson; special friend, Jeffery “Bay Bay” Dennard and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Order of Service

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Musical Prelude

Processional

Last Glance and Sealing

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon George Jackson

Selection..... *“Be with Me Jesus”*.....Johnson & Son

God’s Holy Word

Old Testament.....Deacon Larry Howard, Sr.

New Testament.....Rev. Dr. Alvin Howard, Sr.

Reflections of Life

Two minutes please.....Limited to 3 people

Selection..... *“Jordan River”* ...Johnson & Son’s Staff

Eulogy.....Reverend Henry Hogan, III

Acknowledgements.....Johnson & Son’s Staff

Recessional.....*Made it Home* by Gary Mason

Musical Postlude

*Earthly Place of Rest*

Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
5548 Highway 82 West  
Cuthbert, GA 39840

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