

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of *the late* **Elsie “Jackye” Cooper** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, your presence here this evening, and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who traveled small and great distances to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found my peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been good, I've savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

My time with you was not that brief,
So don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and rejoice with me,
God wanted me now; He set me free.



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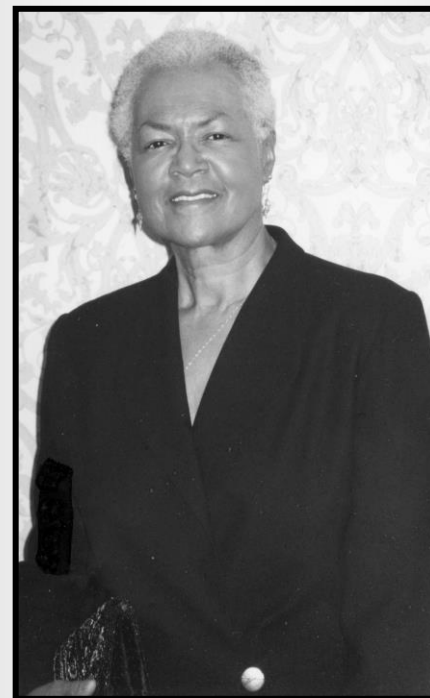
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Celebrating The Life And Spirit Of



*Elsie Aileen Cooper
("Jackye")*

Sunrise
February 21, 1930

Sunset
January 30, 2020

Tuesday ~ February 11, 2020 ~ 7:00 p.m.
at

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*"... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live:" ~ St. John 11:25*

OBITUARY

Elsie “Jackye” Cooper was born on February 21, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York to *(the late)* Humbert Carrington and Gertrude Tull Carrington of Barbados, West Indies. **Jackye** was the second of four children among: Dr. Harcourt Carrington *(deceased)*, Lawrence Carrington (Registered Nurse) and Madeline “Maddy” Slater. **Jackye** attended Girls High School, and after graduation, enrolled in Brooklyn College where she majored in Education. While studying at Brooklyn College, **Jackye** met the love of her life, Leonares of St. Maarten, Dutch West Indies. **Jackye** obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, and in 1955 started her career as an educator. **Jackye** also obtained a Master’s in Early Childhood Education in 1971 from Bank Street College in order to further her career.

In 1958, the young couple married and looked forward to a promising future as Leonares was a licensed chemist and registered architect, and **Jackye**, an exceptional educator. Three years later, they welcomed a son, Russell. **Jackye’s** career as an educator in the Board of Education spanned thirty-eight years -- as an elementary school teacher, Supervisor for District 13, and Acting Principal for P.S. 8. **Jackye** was a very beautiful, vibrant and passionate woman who enjoyed traveling, swimming, playing the piano and listening to a variety of music genres such as classical, jazz, and R&B. She was a seasoned traveler having visited Hawaii, Florida, Alaska, Bermuda, England, Morocco, Mexico, Barbados, Trinidad, Aruba, Curaçao, St Maarten, Martinique, Jamaica and Monserrat. **Jackye** also served her community and upheld her civic duties as an active member of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) and the Little Theater Group.

Of paramount importance to **Jackye** were love-of-God, family, community and humanity at large. **Jackye** was a member of Hanson Place Methodist Church for over fifty years, and a member of the Church choir for thirty years. She was a woman of honor and integrity, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sibling and friend who was always willing to help others. **Jackye** and her husband as well-educated people impressed upon their son the value of a good education; this resulted in Russell obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Brown University leading to a rewarding career as a live sound engineer.


Jackye will be deeply missed. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Russell and Michelle Cooper; two living siblings: Lawrence Carrington and Madeline Slater; two sisters-in-law: Betty Kerr-Carrington and Adeline Carrington; two grandchildren: Kayla and Anthony; nephews and nieces: Harcourt Carrington, Anthony Slater, Wendell Slater, Mark Slater, Lawrence R. Carrington, Stewart Carrington and Jodi and Michael Kipping; her extended family: The Springers, Haynes and Linghams; and close friends: Libertad Rosenkranz, Wimberly Edwards, Ann Hazelwood, Myra Briggs, Peaches Osbourne, Wilma Heckler and Eleanor Hinds. The family would also like to acknowledge Ms. Valene George, her home health attendant for over six years who cared for **Jackye** with kindness, compassion and love. **Jackye** led a meaningful and productive life driven by purpose and guided by her firm belief in Almighty God. **Jackye’s** memory will continue to live on throughout the many years to come.

ORDER OF SERVICE

[As you enter this chapel, please reverence the family
by silencing all electronic devices.]

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend Dr. Keisha J. Agard, *Assistant Pastor*
Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church
3114 Glenwood Road ~ Brooklyn, New York 11210



Organ Prelude Rev. Brandon J. Smith
 Processional Clergy, Officers and Family
 Hymn (“*The Lord’s Prayer*”)
 Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Keisha J. Agard
 Scripture Readings Rev. Dr. Keisha J. Agard
 Old Testament (*Psalms 108:1-5*)
 New Testament (*II Corinthians 5:8*)
 A Special Reflection Archbishop Anthony Slater
 Acknowledgment of Condolences Guest Attendees
 Obituary Reading Ms. Kayla Danielle Cooper {granddaughter}
 Solo Ms. Grace Springer
 Son’s Remarks Mr. Russell Cooper
 Eulogy Rev. Dr. Keisha J. Agard
 Parting View (*Led by Funeral Director*)
 Benediction
 Recessional Hymn (“*Amazing Grace*”)
 (*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.*)

REPAST INVITATION:

Immediately following the service this evening, the family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at: 140 Cadman Plaza West – 2nd Floor Community Room (*Henry Street and Cadman Plaza West, corner of Middagh Street*) in Brooklyn. *All are welcome!*

INTERMENT:

Cypress Hills Cemetery
(Exit 3 off Jackie Robinson Parkway)
Brooklyn, New York
Wednesday ~ February 12, 2020
(*leaving funeral home at 9:30 a.m.*)

