

## HEAVEN'S NOW MY HOME

*I am sorry that I left you,  
I know you feel alone.  
God told me that he needed me,  
And so he called me to come home.  
And what seemed to be an instant,  
Like the twinkling in the night.  
An angel gently took my hand,  
And let me tour the sky.  
As I ascended into Heaven,  
Beyond the pearly gates.  
The angels were rejoicing,  
Then I saw his radiant face.  
God's eyes shone down upon me,  
From the glory of His thrown.  
He said, "Enter into paradise,  
Because heaven's now your home."  
I fought the fight, I finished the race,  
Throughout the trial, I kept my faith.  
No longer do I suffer,  
My body's been made whole.  
I am flying with the angels,  
And heaven's now my home.  
God told me not to worry,  
He said you'd be okay.  
Because eternity is forever,  
And we'll meet again some day.  
I fought the fight I finished the race,  
Throughout the trial kept me faith.  
No longer do I suffer my body has been made whole,  
I am flying with the angels,  
And heaven's now my home.*



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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*John  
Alfred  
Cooper*

Sunrise  
June 29, 1964  
Sunset  
May 13, 2019

*"He was  
Born to  
Sing"*

**11:00 AM**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**Young Missionary Temple CME Church**  
**2901 Sanderford Road, Raleigh, NC 27610**

**The Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. McCullers, Pastor, Presiding**  
**The Rev. Ronald White, Pastor, Eulogist**





# Mr. John Alfred Cooper

**John Alfred Cooper** was born on June 29, 1964 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC. On Monday May 13, 2019 at age 54, he entered into eternal life after battling an extended illness. He was the son of Johnny Cooper, Jr. and Shirley Ann Gilmore Cooper. His mother is a prayer warrior and since a little boy, he always looked up to his father and wanted to sing quartet just like him! It came natural! Many knew him as "little Johnny" or the name his mother gave him, "Beachyboy" and they would often say that he was born to sing!

**John** started singing as a little boy in the children's choir at the World's Greatest Church. The choir was his family made-up of siblings and cousins and they would always sing "we are the JUNIOR CHOIR at the World's Greatest Church..." That's where he really got the confidence to do what God sent him here to do, minister through music!

**John** sang with many groups over the years. To name a few, the Gospel Keynotes, Cooper Brothers, True Spirit, Brooklyn All-stars, Lil Blair, the Violionaires, the Supreme Angels, Tim Woodson and the Heirs of Harmony. In addition, he signed to Malaco Records.

**John** was joined in holy matrimony to Rosalene Tanner and even though they were not together during his time of death, they remained friends.

**John** leaves to mourn him, his parents, Johnny Cooper, Jr. and Shirley Ann Gilmore Cooper of Raleigh; children, Jonathan (Lakreisha), Jeremy (Precious), Abigail, Chelsea, John Christian and Madison all of Raleigh; two brothers, John (Lorraine) and Thomas (Yolanda) both of Raleigh NC; three sisters, Carolyn "Dee Dee", Tanya (Larry), and Karen (Brandon) all of Raleigh NC; six grandchildren, Adrian, Jamari, Zikia, Trinity, Laila and Denesha; dedicated friend, Janie Little; special friends that were more like brothers, The Rev. Dr. Johnny L. McCullers and Deacon Curtis Boykin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that all embraced him like their brother, and who enjoyed spending time with him, loving him dearly.

# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Musicians

Processional

Visitation: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Opening Selection ..... Choir

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Latonya Sanders

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 23 ..... Ruling Elder William Cooper

New Testament: Romans 8:18, 35-39 ..... Rev. Angela Black

Musical Selection ..... Psalmist Danyelle Sanders

Acknowledgments/Obituary ..... Rev. Glenda Johnson

Moments of Reflection ..... John's Children

Tributes & Remarks (Limit to 2 Minutes) ..... Chosen by the Family

Musical Selections ..... John's Boys & Friends

Eulogy ..... The Rev. Ronald White, Pastor

Recessional

Interment ..... Carolina Biblical Gardens  
1530 Creech Road, Garner, NC 27529

Repat ..... Fellowship Hall, Relatives Only

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late John Cooper wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to all for the numerous acts of love and sympathy extended to them during the loss of their loved one.

May God continue to bless each one of you!

The Family