



## *God's Garden*

God looked around the garden and saw an empty space.  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful for He only takes the best.

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.



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## *Pallbearers*

Marcus Banks	Elijah Clark	Tony Mallet
Kenny Taylor	David Townsend	Timothy Wright

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

James A. Cooley	Joel E. Cooley	Alfonso Moore
Malcom Williams	Winston Williams	

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Jesse Charles Cooley** expresses sincere gratitude  
for the calls, prayers, love and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.  
May God bless you all.



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# CELEBRATION OF *Life* FOR

*"PaPa"*



# *Jesse* CHARLES COOLEY

*Sunrise:* JUNE 21, 1945 *Sunset:* SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019, 10:00 A.M.  
Visitation - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST COMMUNITY TEMPLE COGIC  
3500 Norwood Ave. • St. Louis, MO 63115

BISHOP WILLIAM L. HARPER, *Pastor*  
REV. JOHN S. COOLEY III, *Officiant*  
St. Timothy M.B. Church



## LIFE REFLECTIONS

**JESSE CHARLES COOLEY** was born June 21, 1945 to the late Neotha and John S. Cooley Sr. in Little Rock, AR. He was the seventh child born to this union.

When **Jesse** was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, his parents moved the family to Akron, OH where he attended and graduated from Central High School on June 4, 1964.

During this time, the United States was about 10 years into the Vietnam War and the need for brave young men to come forward and serve in the military was echoing throughout the country. **Jesse**, like many young men at that time, was swept up in the draft. Jesse took an oath and upheld the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage from September 1, 1967 to August 31, 1971 in the United States Army. For his sacrifice of service, Jesse was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars.

In the military, **Jesse** connected with another soldier who told him that if they made it back home, he planned to open his own trucking company and offered his fellow brother in arms the opportunity to join him. Jesse accepted that offer which led him to relocate to St. Louis, MO. This venture nurtured his passion for travel and over the road driving. His fellow soldier's dream became Jesse's life, and he went on to drive for the next 35 years.

While out enjoying his new life in the Show Me State with a friend, **Jesse** spotted a beautiful young St. Louis native sitting alone at a bar. He offered to buy her a drink; an offer that she refused 3 times before finally accepting. This interaction led to a courtship and he and that beautiful young St. Louis gal went on to share a life of love and happiness for nearly 40 years.

A diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma prompted **Jesse's** retirement from Jack Cooper Transport Company in 2012. Once again Jesse had been drafted; this time he would fight the biggest war of his life. Like the brave soldier he was, Jesse fought a good fight, often surprising doctors by winning battles they were sure the enemy had already won. After 7 years, Jesse's true Commander-in-Chief stepped in and commended Jesse for his amazing fight and let him know that his war was now over. **Jesse Charles Cooley** was released from his final battle during the early hours of September 1, 2019, while home surrounded by family and friends.

Those that knew and loved **Jesse** will have many fond memories of his love to sing, play the guitar, harmonica and keyboard. He had a love for antique cars which he enjoyed restoring and driving to antique car shows. If Jesse wasn't sitting out in the garage enjoying the fruits of his labor, you could find him relaxing on the couch, many times crooning with a guitar or harmonica in hand or sitting back and enjoying a good old western.

**Jesse** was a true, no-nonsense man that beamed with integrity and had a presence that demanded utmost respect. He was a man that many found to be a helping hand in times of need. Jesse was not a man of many words, but if you had a conversation with him and didn't learn something, you weren't paying attention.

**Jesse** was preceded in death by both parents and five siblings. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Marcia Cooley; two daughters, Twila Moss and Jessica Cooley; one son, James Tyler III; four siblings, James A. Cooley, Deborah Cooley-Wright, Sandra Cooley-Williams (Malcom), Joel E. Cooley (Doris); four grandchildren and two great grandchildren as well as a host of extended family and friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer

*Minister*

Scripture

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Minister*

Selection

*CCT Mass Choir*

Words of Encouragement

*Rev. Marcus Banks*

Selection

*Shelly Cooley-Banks*

Condolences

Acknowledgements

*Deborah Cooley-Wright*

Life Reflections (*Read silently, soft music*)

Remarks

*Ministers*

Selection

*Deborah Mingo*

Eulogy

*Rev. John S. Cooley, III*

Parting View

Benediction

## INTERMENT

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## REPAST

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