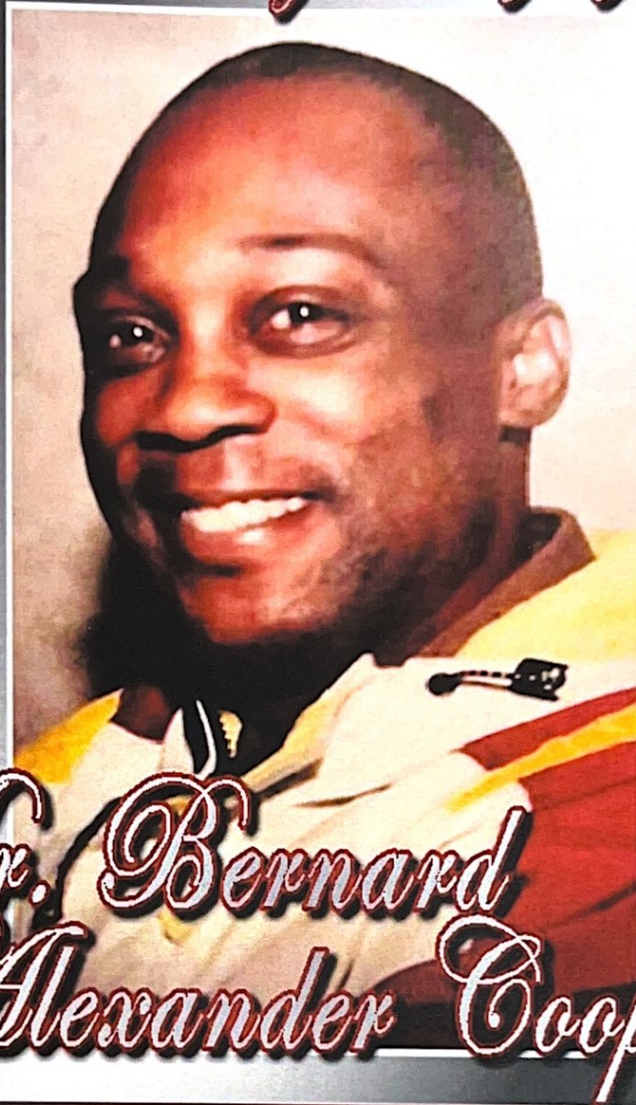


Celebrating the Life of...



*Mr. Bernard
Alexander Cooper*

Sunrise:

Sunset:

November 17, 1959

September 21, 2022

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Repast 9:00 A.M.

Visitation: 10:00 A.M.

Service: 10:30 A.M.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

2132 East 72nd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60649

Celebrant, Rev. Thomas G. Belanger

Life Reflections of Mr. Bernard Alexander Cooper

Our Brother Bernard Alexander Cooper "Bernie" was born November 17, 1959, to Edward Leon Cooper and Mary Elizabeth Cooper in Chicago, Illinois. He was the third oldest of four siblings Sammy, Mark, Lindsay, and Catherine. Being the middle child, he captured a lot of attention. He was kind, generous, and very soft-spoken.

He attended St Anslem during grade school, and his wish was granted after pleading with our parents to attend a public school. He attended South Shore High School as an honor roll student who played football all four years. His passion was singing, working with his hands, and flying planes. After graduating, on May 16, 1977, Bernard enlisted in the United States Army. He served his country while stationed in Korea for several years as an SP4 Helicopter Specialist. He was awarded several medals of honor, badges, citations, and ribbons. Bernard loved serving his country, so he decided to re-enlist. He would be fondly missed as a proud patriot and US Army Veteran.

Bernard later married his high school sweetheart, Rhoda Murdock in holy matrimony in 1978. To this union, two children were born Randall and Corey Cooper. Everyone who knew him felt his big heart and giving nature. He will be missed especially by his seven grandchildren, his special friend for over twenty years Ms. Hazel Bozeman, family, and friends.

The Gates of Heaven welcomed Bernard Alexander Cooper on September 21, 2022, where he made his transition at Franciscan Olympia Health in Olympia Fields, Illinois.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward L. Cooper, and Mary E. Cooper, and brother Sammie James Graham.

Bernard is survived by his brother Mark Edward Cooper; (twins) Lindsay Leon Cooper and Catherine Rena Cooper-Abraham (Kehinde); his children, Randall Cooper and Corey Cooper; seven grandchildren, Rebecca Lynn Cooper, Yasmin Lynn Cooper, Aabreyah Lynn Cooper, Randi Lynn Cooper, Randall Lynn Cooper Jr., Carletha Lynn Cooper, Brittney Lynn Cooper; cousins, and a host of friends.

Bernard, we married young and faced many challenging during our time. However, we were always able to remain friends over forty years and I thank you for giving me two beautiful sons that you left me. You were the best father you could be to our children. I remembered the last conversation we had three weeks before and you said, "Hey Baby". We laughed! But of course, you were still being your charming self that I fell in love with forty-eight years ago.

We will forever miss you! Love Rhoda

~ Liturgy of Resurrection ~

Minister of Music.....Tyrone Pittman
Cantor.....Kenneth Roberts
Messages of Condolence and Resolutions
Reading of Obituary.....Mark Cooper

Greetings and Blessing of Body & Placing of Pall
Reverend Thomas G. Belanger

Opening Hymn...*"Ribbons In The Sky (Phillip Armstrong)*
Opening Prayer.....Rev. Thomas G. Belanger
Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Wisdom 3:1-9...Oladiipo Abraham
Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm#91
Scripture Reading

New Testament...Corinthians 5:1, 6-10...Briniya Hoover
Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading...John 14: 1-6.Rev. Thomas G. Belanger
Homily.....Rev. Thomas G. Belanger

General Intercessions...Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer
Preparation of Gifts.....*"God Has Smiled on Me #185 -*

in the Lead Me Guide Me Hymnal
Communion Song.....Taste & See #129 -
in the Lead Me Guide Me Hymnal

Family Tribute
Thanksgiving Meditation.....*"Nobody Greater"*

Final Prayers
Recessional Hymn.....*"Going Up Yonder"*

*My Brother Bernard
You gave no one a last
farewell, nor ever said
goodbye. You were gone
before I knew it, and only
God knows why.
A million times
I will miss you;
a million times
I will cry; if love alone
could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly;
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place
no one else could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you
the day God took you home.
We will meet again someday
I know in a better place.
I thank God he made you my
brother while you were here
on earth. You fought long
and hard, so rest in peace
my brother, rest in peace.
Love Forever
Catherine "Cat"*

TREASURED
IN OUR
HEARTS



~ Pallbearers ~

Randall Cooper Shaawn Graham Oladiyo Abraham
Mark Cooper James Slaughter Larry Hoover, Jr.



~ Honorary Pallbearers ~

Corey Cooper Lindsay Cooper Kehinde Abraham Larry Hoover

~ Interment ~

1:00 P.M.

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd., Elwood, Illinois 60421

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~ Acknowledgment ~

The family of Bernard Alexander wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your calls of comfort and the many expressions of love shown in our time of bereavement. Every turn that we have made, you, our friends and loved ones were there with unwavering support.

*Your smiles and words have been a bridge over troubled waters
and your prayers were the wind beneath our wings.*



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