



## Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper

January 16, 1932 - October 18, 2024

Jacquelyn Yvonne Foshee was born on January 16, 1932, to parents Freddie R. and Verna B. The only child born to this union, she was delivered on a cold rainy day by Dr. Rickman and her grandmother Mrs. Ella Foshee.

Jackie – as she was called by friends – was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church when she was six years old. She remained an active member of the church throughout her childhood, attending Sunday school, playing piano for the senior choir, and singing in the junior choir. She also represented the church in oratorical contests and regularly won first prize.

At Booker T. Washington High School, Jackie sang in the school chorus, girls' quartet and the co-ed octet glee club. She was a cheerleader, acted in school plays, and was a member of the YWCA youth program, Y-Teens. She was contestant at interscholastic meets held yearly at Langston University, often competing in several activities during each event. Her innate drive and competitive nature often led her to first, second or third place wins in voice, dramatic readings, English, literature, and history. She graduated from high school in 1949 as valedictorian of her class.

Jackie then attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, where she studied music and elementary education, and joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. While attending Lincoln University, Jackie met her husband, Frederick S. Cooper.

After college, Jackie was a stay-at-home mom for sixteen years before starting a career at Illinois Bell in 1967. She worked in sales, marketing, public

relations, corporate communications, and personnel. She remained at the company, later working for Ameritech and AT&T, until she retired in 1990 as Operations Manager.

Jackie was active, social, and community oriented. Her community service activities included the League of Women Voters and the Women's Board for the Cancer Support Center in Homewood, Illinois.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harvey and later joined the Hazel Crest Community United Methodist Church. There, she was President of United Methodist Women, served as Chairman of the Church Council, sang in the choir, and acted in church plays. After moving to Georgia, she joined St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Stone Mountain where she continued singing in the choir and hosted an annual tea for the women in the congregation.

Jackie was an avid bridge player – a member of the Krazy Eights Bridge Club in Chicago, and later the Diva Bridge Club in Atlanta. She traveled around the world, loved to sing and dance, and enjoyed reading books and writing poetry. She was also open to learning new things, and particularly enjoyed a good debate. Jackie relished a good party and took pleasure in entertaining her friends and family. She will be remembered for her sense of humor, zest for life, and for showing up in the world with remarkable spirit, vitality and glamour.

Jackie was preceded in death by her husband Frederick S. Cooper. Her spirit lives on through their three children, Frederick S. Cooper III, Cozetta Singleton, and Michele Cooper (Fred); her four grandchildren, Chase (Tara), Frederick, Carmen, and Tori; and her great-grandchildren, Coatie and Charlie. She is also survived by her sister Freddie Foshee Cudjo.

Jackie's ashes will be interred next to her husband at Washington Memorial Gardens in Homewood, Illinois.

Final services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Georgia 30034.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30034

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I'll miss" little Jackie "as I use to call her. We shared trips to AARP conventions and hours on the phone talking politics and life. She was a true gift to humanity. Her laughter was infectious. Sail on my friend to new horizons. You will be missed.



Diane Mundine - November 02, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PC

“ Patricia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.

Patricia C. - November 02, 2024 at 09:48 AM

EG

“ Electra & Morrell Greer purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.



Electra & Morrell Greer - November 01, 2024 at 01:10 PM

SD

“ Our memories of Jackie will always bring smiles! Her remarkable joy and contagious enthusiasm made her such a wonderful friend! Our sympathy to her loving family.

sara davenport - October 31, 2024 at 03:35 PM



*It's been over fifty years since I've seen cozette and Fred. Until my father died I'd prayed we live forever, I thank our Father for all the time he gave us with them. The only blessing I thank God for is he taught me how to be good and love them so, which made it a lot easier when they left for me to let go, for I know I was a good son. Maybe these words will remind you that you too were good children and gave all the love you could while they were here with you. May our Father comfort you and make this journey light as he did for me. God be with you dear friend, and may he bless all the Cooper's who remain. All praised to our Father forever. Selah  
Bishop Joseph Garcia Wilson Jr  
Papa*

Joseph Wilson - October 31, 2024 at 06:47 PM

SF

“ Sara Davenport-and all of our family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.



Sara Davenport-and all of our family - October 31, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RH

“ Ruth Harris purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.



Ruth Harris - October 30, 2024 at 04:39 PM

RH

“ Ruth Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.

Ruth Harris - October 30, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JT

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss  
Juanita

Juanita Townsend - October 29, 2024 at 04:01 PM

JF

“ Janet Shockley & Family purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.



Janet Shockley & Family - October 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JF

“ Janet Shockley & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.

Janet Shockley & Family - October 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BP

“ Barbara B. Pendleton purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.



Barbara B. Pendleton - October 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Foshee Cooper.*



October 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of being Ms. Jackie's neighbor. She always corrected me -- no Ms. Jackie It is Jackie. :) Jackie was the life of the neighborhood. She was knowledgeable, helpful, and well-known. At one time, Jackie was over our book club. Her laughter was infectious and her margaritas were the best :) She will be sorely missed.*

**Renai Artis** - October 25, 2024 at 11:08 AM



*Jackie was a great neighbor and trusted friend. She started the book club at the Villas and was always the life of the party. She was always positive and full of life. She was a role model in how to age gracefully and still enjoy life. We traveled across the country on a train trip and did an Alaskan cruise. We always had great fun together. I kept in touch with Jackie after I moved from the Villas and am so glad that I got to spend some time with her this summer. She will be missed!*

**Ruth Harris** - October 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM



*My Queen Riff-Raff, with much respect to this lovely lady. She would give a robust laugh as I called out her nickname! We, at The Villas, shared her stories, her love for her family, her excitement for travel and dancing. While she will be deeply missed, I have many happy times that I can't bring back to mind in an instant. Much LOVE to her beautiful family, her beat goes on!!!*

**Renee Mitchell** - October 27, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SJ

*How can I express my feelings about my friend, Jackie? She was a great neighbor and an even greater friend. We shared a few adventures over the years from water aerobics, concerts, book club and even a cruise. Always ready for an adventure, always the hit at any Villas party with her music play list. Jackie was always impeccably dressed for any occasion. She kept us on point with etiquette. And yes, a gifted debater as we had quite a few during book club. I could go on and on however I'll stop now. Jackie, "Unforgettable You."*

**Sarah Johnson** - October 27, 2024 at 07:48 PM

SP

*Such a lovely and beautiful woman and everytime I saw you it was hugs and kisses. God bless you my friend and bless your family. I will miss you Rest in peace*

**Stephanie Purbis** - October 28, 2024 at 12:44 PM

JF

*Jackie was one of the first neighbors I met when I arrived at The Villas in 2012. She possessed many sterling attributes but I will always remember her laugh. I can close my eyes and here her now. Your Mother was a wonderful woman, full of joy, strength and goodness. She will be sorely missed.*

**Joan A Fisher** - October 28, 2024 at 10:13 PM

RJ

*Aunt Jacqueline your Dad (Uncle Freddie) and my grandmother (Earline Foshee) were brother and sister so that made us 2nd cousins but were always Aunt Jacqueline to the rest of the cousins in the family lol. You were a very good lady and role model for all of us. God Bless you and the rest of the family always. Your nephew, Raymond Foshee Gray Jr. ❤️👊*

**Raymond Foshee Gray Jr.** - October 29, 2024 at 03:49 AM

LJ

*Your mom was my friend, my role model, and sometimes "mother", the GOAT, living life to the fullest. I miss her so much! May her soul rest in eternal peace. Blessings to you always.*

**Lorraine Johnson** - November 02, 2024 at 11:37 AM