



## Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.

January 12, 1957 - March 25, 2023

How does one pen an obituary for a life that has been so much to so many for so very long? It is fully and only possible through Holy Spirit encryption...

Kenneth Dewayne Cooke's birth was a blessing to Mildred Warner Cooke and Everett Burdette Cooke on January 12, 1957. Ken's parents raised him in the church, where he grew in the LORD and accepted Jesus the Christ as his Savior at an early age. After marriage, Ken affiliated with the Methodist Church and was always active in the various cities where he worked and lived: Kings Chapter A.M.E. Church (Pendelton, SC – Trustee Protem), Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church (Doraville, GA- Trustee Protem), Suwanee Parish United Methodist Church (Suwanee, GA- Pastor Parish, Chair), and New Bethel AME Church (Lithonia, GA – formerly Trustee Protem, more recently Trustee Emeritus).

Ken was educated on many levels. He began his formal education in Chattanooga, Tennessee and later attended Tennessee Technical University (BA of History), University of West Georgia (MA of Counseling), University of Georgia (Leadership Certification), Lincoln Memorial University (Education Specialist), Argosy University (Doctorate in Educational Leadership).

While at Tennessee Tech in 1978 he worked with the advisors to secure the charter for the Undergraduate Chapter and became a member of Omega Psi

Phi Fraternity Inc. Since then, Ken went on to serve the organization holding many positions in the 2nd, 5th, 6th, and most recently 7th districts as well as the state level. Ken gave his whole heart to Omega and is responsible for the membership intake of several hundreds of Omegas across the nation. In addition to being a Founding Charter member of Chi Lambda, he served as a Founding Charter member of Beta Lambda Lambda, The See it Through Foundation, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of North Metro at Lawrenceville. Ken was awarded several accolades throughout the years including Jaguar Foundation Educator of the Year, Omega Man of the Year for Outstanding Service and Citizen of the Year from several Omega chapters.

Ken married the love of his life Sonja Denise Tucker on August 6,, 1988. From this union, three beautiful blessings were born: Brandi, Kenneth II, & Chelsea. Ken never met a stranger and was often sought out by his friends for advice, a good laugh, and sports talk.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Everett Burdette Cooke and Mildred Warner Cooke.

Ken leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Sonja Denise Tucker Cooke; children, Brandi (Samuel) Dupervil, Kenneth Dewayne Cooke II, and Chelsea Tucker Cooke; grandchildren, Brielle Dupervil and Nadia Dupervil; siblings, Larry (Karen) Cooke & Gregory (Lena) Cooke, and Belinda Taylor; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family & friends who loved him dearly.

Service entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Gwinnett Chapel; 770.338.5558

# Cemetery Details

## Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 US HWY 29 S  
LAWRENCEVILLLE, Ga

# Previous Events

## Omega Service

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

New Bethel AME Church  
8350 Rockbridge Rd.  
Lithonia, GA 30058

## Visitation

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - May 20, 2023 at 08:58 AM

CM

“ Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr. was a man whose life was integral in improving the quality of life for so many people in Metro Atlanta and in the state of Georgia. He was a humble man of God who fought for righteous and justice. His presence will be missed by so many of us at New Bethel AMEC.

Cyril Mayes - March 31, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Ken was head trustees at New Bethel the first year I was a trustee. It was a pleasure getting to know him and his beautiful family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

IRock Toofit - March 30, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..



March 30, 2023 at 12:49 PM

TP

“ *Tia and the South College PA Program purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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**Tia and the South College PA Program** - March 30, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Ken and I were classmates from K - 12 th grade. We graduated in 1975 from Tyner High School in Chattanooga Tennessee. Our paths took different turns as we attended different colleges for higher learning as well as post graduate education.*

*I was saddened to hear of Ken's passing and prayers for his beautiful family.*

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**Marcia Kelley** - March 30, 2023 at 09:02 AM

AC

“ *Angela Casteel-Gunn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.*



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**Angela Casteel-Gunn** - March 29, 2023 at 01:56 PM

TC

“ *The Casteel's sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.*



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**The Casteel's** - March 29, 2023 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ *The Casteel's Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.*



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**The Casteel's Family** - March 29, 2023 at 01:53 PM

AF

“ *Aunt Julia Tisdale & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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**Aunt Julia Tisdale & Family** - March 29, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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March 29, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DD

“ *Dr. Frances E. Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.*



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**Dr. Frances E. Davis** - March 29, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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March 28, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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March 28, 2023 at 06:57 PM

MR

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Family, fraternity brothers, and friends of of Dr. Ken Cooke Sr.*

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**Mark Richardson** - March 28, 2023 at 04:42 PM

KL

“ Sending my sincerest condolences and prayers to Ken’s family, fraternity brothers, and friends. Fond memories of Ken while attending West Georgia College(University of West Georgia). 🙏🕊️



Kim Minor Lawrence - March 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DH

“ Sonja, Children, & Other Family Members,  
We hold you close in our hearts with prayer and love. We lift you up before God asking for His love to be poured out upon you for peace and comfort as you go through this difficult time of healing. In the almighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!!.

*Ken fought the good fight, and God has shown His mercy and grace as he is resting in the loving arms of God. We will miss him, but will forever cherish the memories we have shared with him along the way. Sending loving thoughts and prayers.*

Deb Harvin - March 28, 2023 at 10:46 AM

DE

“ Sonya & Family, my heart goes out to you all.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love always



Dennis L. Edwards - March 27, 2023 at 09:34 PM

ST

“ *My prayers are with the family. Ken will forever be remembered*



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**Sharon Taylor** - March 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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March 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM

YC

“ *Your Cisco CSM Colleagues purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr..*



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**Your Cisco CSM Colleagues** - March 27, 2023 at 06:41 PM

IS

“ *Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.*



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**Ivy Strickland** - March 27, 2023 at 11:17 AM

TG

“ Teresa Gordon lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kenneth Cooke Sr.



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**Teresa Gordon** - March 26, 2023 at 05:08 PM

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*Condolences to the family of Ken Cooke Sr. Friends and colleagues of Gwinnett County Public Schools!*

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**Dr. Frances E. Davis** - March 29, 2023 at 09:27 AM

DC

*Ken will be missed. May God continue to bless the family during this difficult time. Darryl and Ellen Craig, Suwanee Worship Center*

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**Darryel Craig** - April 05, 2023 at 08:39 PM

DF

*I went to Tyler High School with Ken and will remember him fondly. Ken was always kind and upbeat. I will pray for peace and love for his family.*

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**Denise McLaurin Fitzsimmons** - May 10, 2023 at 07:57 AM