



## Maxine D. Cooper

December 17, 1932 - August 2, 2019

Maxine M. Cooper 86 of Decatur GA formerly of Oklahoma City, OK passed away on August 2, 2019. The visitation will be held at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 10:00AM – 6:00 PM

The Celebration of Life service will be held at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3800 Big Miller Grove Way, Lithonia GA 30038 on Saturday August 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM with Senior Pastor Charles D. Martin of Cornerstone Fellowship Church officiating. An Omega Omega service will be hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Decatur Alumnae Chapter at 10:00 AM. The Repast will follow immediately after the Celebration of Life service at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Maxine Marie Douglass Cooper was born in Oklahoma City, OK to Raymond Douglass and Marie Whitaker Murphy on December 17, 1932. She went to high school at Douglass High School in Oklahoma City, OK. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University in 1954 and a Master of Arts degree in 1971 from New Mexico State University. Early in her career she taught in Los Angeles and in New Mexico. For the majority of her career, she worked in Special Education as a Vocational Special Needs Coordinator for Dekalb County School System. She received numerous awards and honors over her career as an Educator. She retired in May 2000 with a total of 36 years. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Decatur Alumnae Chapter and was very active in her church home, Cornerstone Fellowship Church. She enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with family. Being a military wife, she traveled from one end of the globe to the other.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jacqueline Robinson, her son, Theodore Paul Ritchey and daughters Alice Jean Cooper Battles and Elizabeth Jean Denson preceded her in death.

Maxine Cooper is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dr. Howard Lee Cooper, Sr. of Decatur, GA. She leaves behind to survive her, two sisters, Janice Cooper Denton and Marie Gross (Silas Jr.). Also, her children, Valencia Denise Cooper, Howard Lee Cooper, Jr. (Michelle Cooper) and Julia Cooper Allen, Marilyn Dent (Ernest Dent) and Diana

Whitaker (Corey). Grandchildren, Raymond E. Cooper, Dr. Erica D. Lloyd, Elizabeth L. Andrews (Elton Andrews), Frank Griggs, Jr., Chudney L. Cooper, Samuel G. Jackson, Anita M. Allen, Jamyah Q. Cooper, Kita Dent, Rico Dent (Whitney Dent), and great-grandchildren, Donavan L. Slack, Jr., Amira K. Smith, Demetrius McDonald, Royal Dent and Princeton Dent. Two nieces Cherry Cornwall-Tatum (David) and Jennifer Denton and great nephew Jaden Denton. She also leaves behind her dedicated best friend of more than 40 years, Doretha Champion (John). Because of her big heart, she also embraced so many others as her sons, daughters and grandchildren as extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to I-Care Ministry of Cornerstone Fellowship Church located at 3310 Bethsaida Rd. Fairburn, GA 30213 or Dillard University National Alumnae Association 2601 Gentilly Blvd . New Orleans, LA 70122. Condolences may be mailed to 2327 Springside Way Decatur, GA 30032 or left in Maxine Cooper's name online guestbook at <https://www.levettfuneralhome.com>. Per the family's request, please do not send any standing flower sprays to the service.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Decatur Alumnae Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and The Ladies of Purple Essence Gamma Sigma Chapter and Gregory B. Levett & Sons and all extended family and a host of friends.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur, GA 30034. 404-241-5656.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Omega Omega Service

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
3800 Big Miller Grove Way  
Lithonia, GA 30038  
(770) 981-3800

## Celebration of Life

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
3800 Big Miller Grove Way  
Lithonia, GA

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Catherine Pelzer-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper



Catherine Pelzer-Wilson - August 14, 2019 at 08:46 PM

CC

“ CHUDNEY COOPER lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper



CHUDNEY COOPER - August 14, 2019 at 04:13 PM

AC

“ 6 files added to the album Big Mama



Ann M. Cooper - August 14, 2019 at 02:04 PM

AC

Big Mama!!!!!!!

Ann M. Cooper - August 14, 2019 at 02:03 PM

CW

“ Christine C. Walton lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper



Christine C. Walton - August 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM

LR

“ *Latreica Renee lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper*



Latreica Renee - August 09, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maxine D. Cooper.*



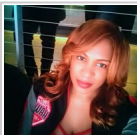
August 09, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Maxine D. Cooper.*



August 08, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sending my deepest and sincere prayers to the family of Mrs. Maxine Cooper. She was a fireball and always making moves even after retiring. I admired and respected Cooper as a friend and co-worker. She will truly be missed by anyone who came in contact with her. May her soul rest now and watch over her loved ones while she is doing her thing in heaven.*



Rasheedah Sams - August 07, 2019 at 07:30 PM

SC

“ On 8/2/19, I lost a Mother.

*Not the one who birthed me into this world, but the one God placed in my path to teach me through her very essence...what a Woman, a Mother, a daughter, a friend, and a wife is. My heart is heavy, but my gratitude for the gift of Big Mama is heavier! Thank you God for my time with your Angel. ❤️*



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**Sharell Collins** - August 07, 2019 at 07:30 PM

DW

“ *Darlene Williams lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper*



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**Darlene Williams** - August 07, 2019 at 09:07 AM

TS

“ *To the family of our dear sister. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Take comfort in these words. Love Toni R. Stenson, Impact Church-Lay Servant.*

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**Toni R. Stenson** - August 07, 2019 at 07:59 AM

WT

“ *Mrs. Maxine Cooper's lasting contributions to our residents and community is a tremendous blessing as a Springside Way neighbor in Spring Valley. Her bountiful spirit of giving and devoted love for her husband Mr. Howard Cooper, her family and neighbors will be a lasting memory and heartfelt treasure. Maxine will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Howard, her family and love ones.*

*Marvin, Lila and Pe`llar Toliver  
Spring Valley*

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**William Toliver** - August 06, 2019 at 06:19 PM

MD

“ *Minnie Dix sent a virtual gift in memory of Maxine D. Cooper*



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**Minnie Dix** - August 06, 2019 at 05:08 PM

MD

“ *Minnie Dix lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Cooper*



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**Minnie Dix** - August 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DG

“ *My heart is broken over the loss of Maxine. She was my very dear friend and the heart of Cornerstone. The world had loss a beautiful soul. God called his angel home.*

*Darleana Gobin*

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**Darleana Gobin** - August 06, 2019 at 03:09 PM