



Margaret Cooper

November 21, 1936 - April 9, 2025

Margaret Cooper was born November 21, 1936 in Bain Bridge, Georgia, to parents, David (DF) Akins and Jessie Mae Akins. She was the eldest child born into this union. She was able to go online and obtain her G.E.D. (General Education Diploma). She was a longstanding employee of Red Lobster in New Jersey.

Later, she relocated to Orlando, Florida, where she resided until 2024. She was married to the late Joseph Cooper, who preceded her in death.

Margaret was a loving mother to her only son, Frank Ben Smart, Jr., and the grandmother and mother-in-heart to Frank Ben Smart, Jr., and Genise D. Smart, both of whom she raised and deeply loved.

Margaret was a faithful member of Greater Trinity Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, and attended all services as much as possible under the leadership of Dr. Alvin White, Jr.

In her pastime, she enjoyed fishing, crocheting, and attending different activities at the Benrock Nursing and Rehab Center in Eustis, Florida. But most importantly, she enjoyed going to church.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Cooper; son, Frank

Ben Smart, Sr.; father, David D.F. Akins; mother, Jessie Mae Akins; brother, David D.F. Akins, Jr, and sister, Barbara Jack Frazier.

Left to cherish her memory are her grandson, Frank Ben Smart, Jr. of Orlando, Florida; granddaughter, Genise D. Smart of Orlando, Florida; brothers, Govenor Akins of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Harry Atkins (Thersa) of Arcadia, Florida; sisters: Addie Lee Brodie of Plainfield, New Jersey, Mary Clark of Eustis, Florida, Betty Betts of Raliegh, North Carolina, Ellen Motley (Herbert, Sr.) of Acadia, Florida, Willie K. Betts of Plainfield, New Jersey, Marchell Jones of Piscataway, New Jersey, and Annie Clayton (Otis) of Umatilla, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Southside Oak Grove Cemetery

Umatilla, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Life Changing Church of God
38741 Pine Street
Umatilla , FL 32784

Service

APR 19. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Margaret Cooper*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - April 24, 2025 at 07:58 AM

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“ *Deacon Eddie L. Marayne, GTBFC lit a candle in memory of Margaret Cooper*



Deacon Eddie L. Marayne, GTBFC - April 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM

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“ *To the Family of Lady Margaret Cooper I extend my deepest condolences and sorrow. A good servant has been summoned home. Her wings are in production and will be fitted soon. Your sadness is mine also.*

Deacon Eddie L. Marayne, GTBFC - April 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM