



## Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper

December 13, 1930 - May 6, 2021

In Loving Memory Of:

Jessie Mae Cooper, 90 years old, was born to the late William (Willie) Knight and Johnnie Mae (Lackley) Knight on December 13, 1930 in Perry, Georgia peacefully returned to God on May 6, 2021. Cherished memories left to 4 children, 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper, a strong leader, caring was an entrepreneur at heart. From a young child she collected pecans from the backyard tree and sold them to neighbors to make their cakes and pies. She was one of the first organic chicken growers, refusing to add chemicals to her chicken feed as suggested by the chemical company to make the chickens breast bigger. She sold her organic chickens to local grocery stores and restaurants in the area. She bought a home as a single woman long before women's rights and it was commonplace for a woman to be self-sufficient, much less purchase a home. She worked a short-time in the automotive industry, involving herself in union activities – again not heard of for a woman in those days.

Mrs. Jessie Cooper was a strong woman providing many lessons of strength, capability, endurance, compassion, and love. One lesson that will always be remembered is her compassion for others. Healing soup they called it. When anyone was ill, mom made homemade chicken and vegetable soup and delivered it, praying them back to health. She was always there to take in a stray cat, dog or even a whole family in need of shelter. Her kindness will never be forgotten by many.

Quite the cook, she told the story of as a child too short to reach the stove top, standing on a box to be able to stir the homemade pudding to make a banana pudding. Her apple pies were famous, and she baked and sold them to the community and local restaurant. And the love of her delicious, canned pear preserve made from the pear tree in her backyard was cherished by the family, neighbors and anyone who was so fortunate to get a taste of it. Mom loved sharing her faith, music, dancing, traveling with her women's group and family, or just sharing a cup of coffee or bowl of her homemade soup on the front porch.

Yes, Ms. Jessie will be missed, but her legacy will always be remembered and take its place in our heart.

Go with God Mom. We Love You!

Written by daughter: Helen E. Davis

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Cemetery

5210 Mt. Elliott  
Detroit, MI 48211

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

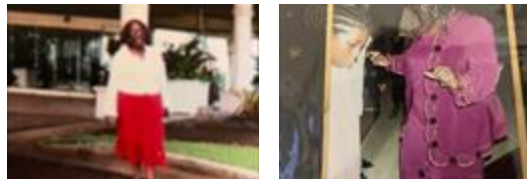


“ *Miss Jessie will always be remembered by our family as a beautiful person, easy going, warm and friendly. I have been blessed with her company several times and I still feel her presence, her smooth skin and her sparkly eyes. We could talk about anything and she would always show genuine interest in our discussion and conversation. Jessie was a very real and enlightened person, not superficial or shallow, but always ready to listen to you and make you feel special. Unfortunately, I was unable to visit with Miss Jessie for the last few years, but when I think of her I feel her genuine warmth and love. She will always remain in my heart and remembered as one of those really special persons that God blessed us to know. Miss Jessie, Rest In Peace, and thank you for joining fellow angels who guard us here on earth. 🙏*

Laurie Soto Levy - June 08, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



O.H. Pye III Funeral Home - May 26, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ *Sandy Licata lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper*



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**Sandy Licata** - May 22, 2021 at 01:05 PM

SL

“ *Helen, Joe and Courtney, we are so sorry for the loss of Ms. Jessie Mae, she was a lovey woman. I will never forget our lovely tea we had years back with our Mothers, daughters and our fancy hats. Your mom was such a warm, sweet classy lady. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

*The Licata Family*

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**Sandy Licata** - May 22, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DR

“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I send my condolences to you and your family. I am sorry for your loss. I pray that God gives you peace that surpasses all understanding. Love you all.*

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**Delletta Ringer** - May 22, 2021 at 09:06 AM

MM

“ My name is Mae Morris, I was one of Mrs Jessie Cooper's care giver I loved when I came in at 3 o'clock she would say theirs my dinner lady! An when I would leave she an I would hold hands an say you pray for me and I pray for you, she said, ok dinner lady, when I would make her dinner she would eat everything on her plate because she knew I had a snack an a glass of water waiting for her! Going to miss such a classy woman that loved the Lord with all her heart ❤️



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**Mae Morris** - May 22, 2021 at 08:10 AM

JB

“ Jean & Ennis Bibb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper



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**Jean & Ennis Bibb** - May 22, 2021 at 01:56 AM

GB

“ Dear Helen & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, but know that she is in a better place where there is no sickness or pain. She will be missed , but always in your hearts.

May God be with you during this most difficult time & have comfort knowing that your friends are here for you.

Our deepest sympathy,

Jean & Ennis Bibb



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**Gloria J. Bibb** - May 21, 2021 at 10:53 PM

LC

“ It was a pleasure meeting you in 2008. Our brief conversation about the love and administration of your daughters (my sisters Helen and Evelyn) is a treasure just like you are.

RIP,  
Dr. Latangela Crossfield

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**Latangela Crossfield** - May 21, 2021 at 08:10 PM

BC

“ Cassy and I send I our condolences on the transition of Ms Jessie Mae Cooper to her Family and many Friends. We knew Jessie Mae through our friendship with her daughter Helen Davis. We always enjoyed her company while she was visiting Helen and her husband Joe and their daughter Courtney. She was a wonderful woman and we always appreciated her personality, company, and conversation. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

RIP JESSIE MAE COOPER,  
Bob and Cassandra Countryman  
Bonita, CA

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**Bob Countryman** - May 21, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper.



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May 21, 2021 at 06:36 PM

SM

“ Even though I only met you once, you were blessed to share a wonderful daughter like Helen. You will be missed by her. Thank you for such a beautiful gift. Mark, Sharon & Michelle Molbegott.



Sharon Molbegott - May 21, 2021 at 11:35 AM

BA

“ Dear Family, I'm so happy I had the chance to meet your dear loved one. I rejoice she's in the arms of the Lord. But my heart hurts for your loss. Hold fast to your memories. Love, Barbara Armstrong

Barbara Blount Armstrong - May 21, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jessie Mae Cooper.



May 21, 2021 at 11:01 AM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Continue to rely on that for prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - May 18, 2021 at 05:00 AM

MC

Our prayers are with the family, May God continue to be with you all during this loss. Love, Lynn and Marilyn Clay.

Marilyn Clay - May 21, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MC

*Our prayers and condolences are with the family. May God be with you during this difficult time. Love you, Lynn and Marilyn Clay.*

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**Marilyn Clay** - May 21, 2021 at 11:47 AM