

*Celebration of the Life
of*



Methuselah Cooper

Sunrise: 23rd November 1930 - Sunset: 16th July 2023

To be held at the Assemblies of the First Born
London Road, Derby DE1 2QS

Friday 25th August 2023 at 11.00 am

Officiating Minister: Pastor E Vassell

Interment at Nottingham Road Cemetery DE21 6FN

Pallbearers

Henry Lewis Cooper (Son)
Vernal Charles Cooper (Son)
Noel George Cooper (Son)
Philip Earl Cooper (Son)
Earl Carlton Jackson (Grandson)
James Christopher Hayles (Grandson)
Kalen Lewis Cooper (Grandson)

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away,
And although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.*

Order of Service

Procession

Just To Be Close To You
CeCe Winans

Welcome

Pastor Vassell

Opening Prayer

Ira Jackson Jr, Grandson

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul...

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Bible Reading

John: verses 1-12 and tribute

Christina Hayles (Granddaughter) and Sharon Cooper (Daughter-in-Law)

Song

by Granddaughters, Elisha, Lianne, Allandah and Miah

Bible Reading

2 Timothy, Chapter 4: verses 7-8

Beverley Jackson (Daughter)

Second Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest -
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love:

Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Song

by Sisters, Sarah Hewitt and Rose Farquarson



Visual Reflection

When He Was On The Cross
Jason Crabb

Eulogy

Vernal Cooper (Son)



Song

I Hear The Saviour Say
AFB Choir
(Offering collection)

Tribute AFB

Paul Hamilton

Sermon

Pastor Vassell

Closing Hymn

Come To The Saviour

Come to the Saviour, make no delay;
Here in His word He's shown us the way;
Here in our midst He's standing today,
Tenderly saying, "Come!"

Refrain:

*Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure and free;
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,
In our eternal home.*

"Suffer the children!" O hear His voice;
Let every heart leap forth and rejoice;
And let us freely make Him our choice;
Do not delay, but come.

Refrain

Think once again, He's with us today;
Heed now His blest commands, and obey;
Hear now His accents tenderly say,
"Will you, my children, come?"

Refrain

Closing Prayer

Tony Wright (Nephew)

Recessional Music

Psalm 23
(I Am Not Alone)



Hymns for the Graveside

So Real To Me

Real, real, real,
Real, real, real,
Christ so real to me.

I love Him

'Cause He gives us the victory.

Many people doubt him, but I can't live without him,

That is why I love him so,

He's so real to me.

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning, when this life is over,
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory,
I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life are gone,
I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Meet You By The River

Meet you by the river,
Some day,
Meet you by the river,
Not far away.

Oh when death has taken you home,
Happy, happy home beyond the skies,
I'll meet you by the river,
Some day.

He Lifted Me Up

He lifted me up
From the deep miry clay,
He planted my feet
On the King's Highway.
And this is the reason why
I sing and I shout (for joy),
My Jesus came down, down, down,
And lifted me up.

Sweet Jesus

Sweet Jesus, Sweet Jesus,
What a wonder you are,
You're brighter than the morning star;
You're fairer, much fairer,
Than the lily that grows by the wayside,
Precious, more precious than gold.

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair,
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

Let us labour for the Master from the dawn 'til setting sun,
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over and our work on Earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

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When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*



Thank You

Methuselah spent the last seven months at Laurels Nursing Home, Spondon. Our thanks go out to all the staff and the people who visited him and spent precious time with him, which is appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank you for attending today and for the endless support and sympathy you have shown at this time.

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments at the Baseball Lounge, Derby County Football Club, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8XL.

(Cards only accepted at the venue, no cash.)



Donations

In memory of Methuselah Cooper, all donations to go to the Assemblies of the First Born Church, Derby.

Donations can be placed in the box on leaving the service.

A.W. LYMN

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