

Smile, Don't Weep!!

My body said that I was tired and needed some rest, so the Lord heard me call and did what he thought best. He whispered soft words into my ear "Don't depart my dear child for your salvation is near." He came to my bedside and took my hand and said we're going home now just as planned. So he lifted my head and I gave him a smile. He told me that I would be asleep for just a little while, He said that when you leave your dear ones and friends they should not weep for your work is done now and now you must sleep. I've had my share of love, laughs and pain. I am going home now but I will see you again. I am happy now and I am not alone. My Lord just put me to sleep and took me home.



Active Pallbearers

Roderick Cooper
Michael Cooper
Marcus Tucker

James Cooper
Graylin Cooper
Maurice Sims

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Johnson
Brian Griffin
James Landers

Wayne Johnson
Tony Landers
Cameron Landers

James Anthony Landers Jr.

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Interment

Mud Creek Cemetery
101 Mud Creek Cemetery Road
Lakeland, Georgia 31635

Acknowledgements

The family of Stella Mae Cooper Edwards would like to thank everyone for their acts of love, kindness, and sympathy shown to them during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness, prayers and loving words have helped us during our time of grief.

-The Family

Final Arrangments Entrusted to:



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Homegoing Celebration For



Stella Mae Cooper Edwards

Sunrise:

July 2, 1935

Sunset:

December 16, 2022

Thursday, December 22, 2022

11:00 A.M.

*Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Pearson, Georgia 31642*

Revered Jerry Braswell, Eulogist

*"Weeping and sorrow my
endure for a night, but joy
cometh in the morning."*

Life Reflections

Stella Mae Cooper Edwards was born on July 2, 1935, to the late Jerome Johnson Sr. and Willie Mae Johnson in Pearson, Georgia.

She attended Atkinson County Training Center.

Stella accepted Christ at a young age.

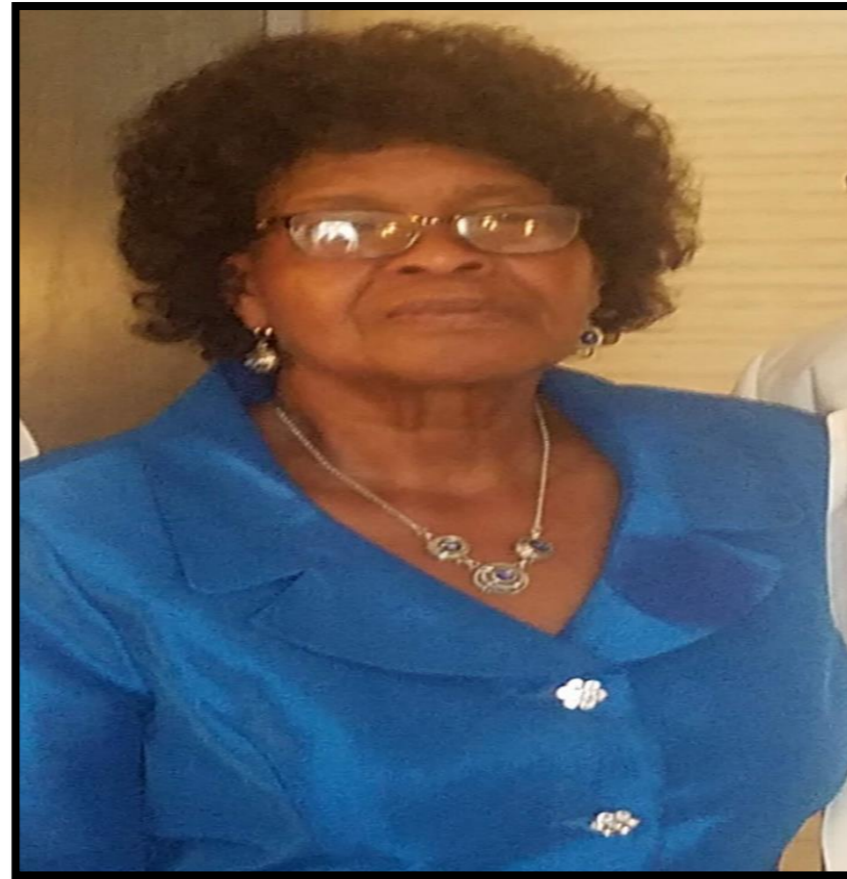
She met and married Mancy Cooper Sr. on May 5, 1956, until his death in 2001. To this union, five children were born.

Later, Stella met and married Thomas Edwards Sr. in 2011 until his death in August 2019.

Stella was preceded in death by her two late husbands and nine siblings.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: three sons: Gary (Nicole) Cooper of Charleston South Carolina., Mancy Cooper Jr. of Pearson, Georgia, and Perry (Juanita) Cooper of Valdosta, Georgia; two daughters: Phyllis Cooper of Pearson, Georgia, and Carol (Gary) Matthews of Valdosta, Georgia; four brothers: Leroy Johnson of Warner Robins, Georgia, Donald (Geneva) Tillman of Douglas, Georgia, Willie Roy Johnson of Miami, Florida, and Frank Williams of Seattle, Washington; four sisters: Juanita Givens of Daytona, Florida, Gloria Johnson of Miami, Florida, Mary Sanders of Willacoochee, Georgia, and Barbara Tucker of Douglas, Georgia; fifteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; a special friend: Marion Williams; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Stella Mae Cooper Edwards



When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all the things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.



Order of Service

Presiding,

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Invocation.....Brother Frank Williams

Selection.....Pine Chapel Praise Team

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Pastor Virgil Scott

New Testament.....Pastor Virgil Scott

Selection.....Pine Chapel Praise Team

Reflections.....2 Minutes Please

As a Daughter-in-law.....Nicole Cooper

As a Church Member.....Lena Cooper

Solo.....Darius Simpson

Eulogy.....Reverend Jerry Braswell

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Final Glimpse

Committal Service

Recessional

