

CELEBRATING *the Life and Legacy of*



Sunrise & Sunset
August 9, 1931 ~ September 21, 2021

BETTY JEAN BURLEIGH COOPER



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Betty

Jean Burleigh Cooper

*Celebrating Our
Beloved Mother*

Service

Thursday, September 30, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor, Dr. Vanuel Charles Little, Jr. – Officiating
Suffragan Bishop Frank H. Stewart – Eulogy

Temple and Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Family Gratitude

The Family of Betty Cooper would like to acknowledge and extend a special thanks to Dr. Erin Glasgow, the Apex Home Health and Hospice: Kali, Lori, Isabella, Rosie, Dr. Drew K. Cooper and Dr. Frank Alexander. We extend Special Heartfelt Thanks to everyone for all your expressions of love, care, kindness, support, and prayers. Everything that you have done for us during our time of bereavement is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you all!

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Betty's Life and Legacy

Mother Betty Jean (Burleigh) Cooper was born August 9, 1931, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Arthur S. Burleigh and Helen V. (Washington) Burleigh. She was the youngest of two children born to this union. Betty grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where she attended Oklahoma City Public Schools. She attended and graduated from Douglass High School in 1948. She furthered her education attending Langston University for two years. Betty was the first black of Saint Anthony's Hospital School of X-Ray Technology to graduate in 1953. Betty's life-long career and profession consisted of Nursing Assistant, Nursing Service, and as a VA Medical Center employee. She retired from the VA Medical Center in OKC after approximately 28 years of dedicated service. Betty was awarded Employee of the Month numerous times, the VA Secretaries Award, Award of Nursing Excellence, the Hands and Heart Award, the Gulf Crisis Desert Shield Desert Storm Award, and many other numerous awards. Betty was a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT).

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized in the river in Meridian, OK by her uncle, Reverend Burleigh. She started her journey in the Catholic Church. Thereafter, joining Redeemer Lutheran Church and later she became a member and a Deaconess at Wildewood Christian Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Betty's goal was to "strive to keep Jesus as the center of her life."

Betty's hobbies and pastimes included bingo, writing, and poetry. Some of her writings were published in the A View from the Edge and in Distinguished Poets of America, which are both located in the National Library of Poetry. All of Betty's writings were written from inspirations she received.

Betty was married to Jesse Cooper II in 1955 and to this union were born seven beautiful children. Ellen Lorinda Ware (Lynn), Carla Denise Cooper, Gail Adah Ellison (Walter), Dr Drew Kevin Cooper, Anna Carole McCaine, Jacqueline Yvonne Stewart (Frank), and Jesse Cooper III (Juanita). As a mother, Betty took great care of all her children. She was an impressive Caregiver, Cleaner, Cook, Teacher, and lived by the saying "cleanliness is next to godliness." Betty was a dedicated, exceptional, hardworking, humorous, phenomenal, resilient, and strong mother.

Betty Cooper made her transition from this life on September 21, 2021, after a lengthy illness. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur S. Burleigh, and Helen V. (Washington) Burleigh, her stepmother, Fannie (Lewis) Burleigh, her brother, Arthur G. Burleigh, and two stepbrothers, George and Smithy Lewis.

Betty will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts, and lasting memories of her will be cherished by her seven children and spouses, twenty-one grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of family, friends and loved ones.

Order of Celebration

Pastor, Dr. Vanuel Charles Little, Jr. – Officiating
Greater First Deliverance Temple, OKC, OK

Prelude Soft Music

Bro Frank Nicolas Stewart ~ Little Rock, AR

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Prayer Brother Walter E. Ellison People's Church, MWC, OK

Scripture Reading Old Testament Dr. Drew Kevin Cooper, Isaiah 60:19-20 New Testament Brother Barry Scott, Revelation 21:4 Wildewood Christian Church

Musical Selection "Never Would Have Made It" Elder Ronald Fields ACTS Ministries, Conway, AR

Resolutions Sister Linda R. Lee Greater First Deliverance Temple, OKC, OK

Musical Selection "The Battle Is Not Yours" Sister Sharon Guydon People's Church, MWC, OK

Remarks (2 Minutes Please) Friends, Co-Workers, Neighbors

Remarks Family

Video Tribute Sister Charity D. Harris Little Rock, AR

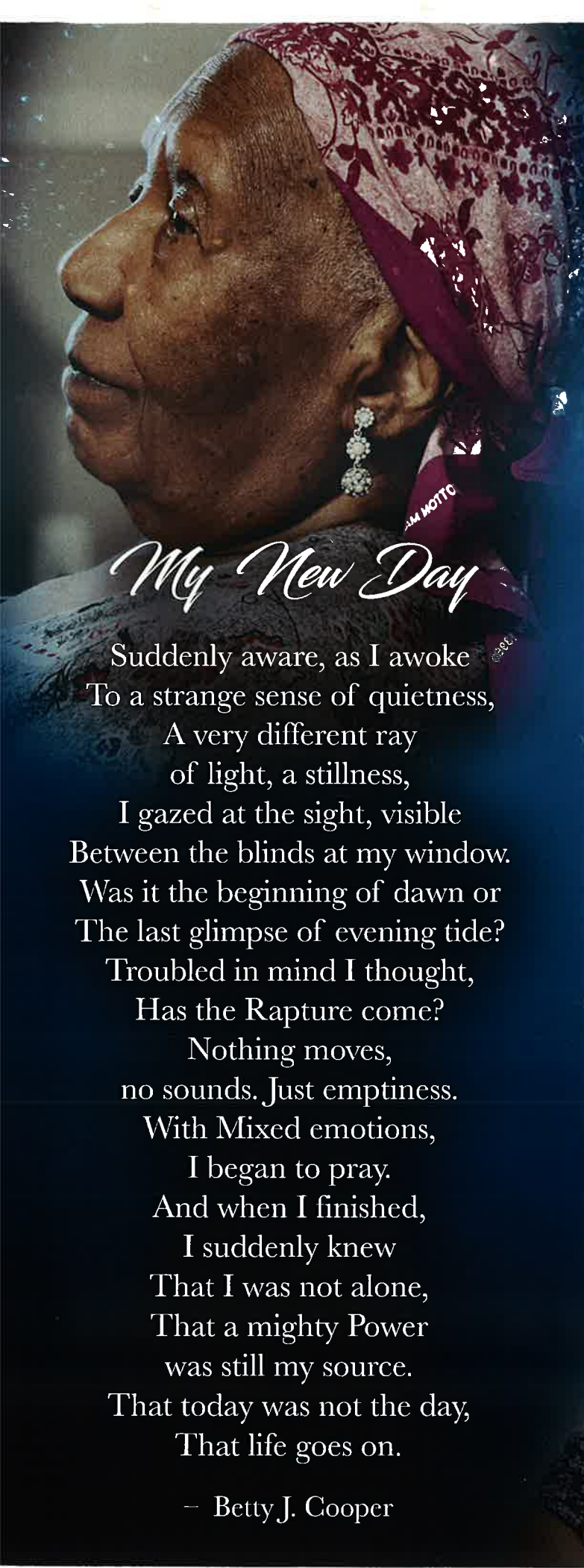
Silent Reading of Obituary

Words of Comfort Eulogy Suffragan Bishop Frank H. Stewart ACTS Ministries, Conway & NLR, AR

Parting View

Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family





My New Day

Suddenly aware, as I awoke
To a strange sense of quietness,
A very different ray
of light, a stillness,
I gazed at the sight, visible
Between the blinds at my window.
Was it the beginning of dawn or
The last glimpse of evening tide?
Troubled in mind I thought,
Has the Rapture come?
Nothing moves,
no sounds. Just emptiness.
With Mixed emotions,
I began to pray.
And when I finished,
I suddenly knew
That I was not alone,
That a mighty Power
was still my source.
That today was not the day,
That life goes on.

— Betty J. Cooper



Active Pall Bearers

Frank Nicolas Stewart
Philip Stewart
William Steven McCaine
Elijah Cooper

Phillip McCleveland
Terrance McCleveland
GeMarr Harris
Tyrone Wilson

Honorary Pall Bearers

Dr. Drew Cooper
Suff Bishop Frank Stewart
Walter Ellison

Jesse Cooper III
Lynn Ware

Flower Bearers

Candace M. Stewart
Samantha Cooper
Charity Harris
Iyanla Ellison
Cassie Stewart

Mya Cooper
Rachel Ware
Jaden Cooper
Jordan Cooper
Jillian Stewart

Honorary Flower Bearers

Ellen Lorinda Ware
Carla Denise Cooper
Gail Adah Ellison

Anna Carole McCaine
Jacqueline Y. Stewart
Juanita Marie Cooper

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12825 N.E. 50th St. Spencer, OK 73084

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Due to Covid
There Will Not Be A Repass Dinner

