

## In Memoriam



**MRS. NANNIE G. COOPER**

*"Faithful until death"*

**White Rock Baptist Church**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Saturday, May 3, 1952**

**THREE-THIRTY**  
**IN THE AFTERNOON**

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

MEMBERS OF TRUSTEE BOARD AND DEACON BOARD,  
WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS:

J. C. HUBBARD

C. C. SPAULDING, JR.

B. W. KENNEDY

JOSEPH TAYLOR

C. C. MALONE

HARRY WHITTED

### FLORAL BEARERS:

MEMBERS OF PHILATHEA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS,  
VOLKAMENIA CLUB AND DISTRICT NO. 14.



## FUNERAL SERVICES

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### OBITUARY

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MRS. NANNIE GAZELLE COOPER, born in Orange County, the daughter of the late William and Margaret Faucette, died at Lincoln Hospital Thursday morning, May 1, 1952 after a month's illness.

She moved to Durham at an early age where she attended the public schools and later Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mrs. Cooper, the widow of the late James L. Cooper, was a retired teacher of the Durham City Schools where she taught for many years.

She was a faithful member of White Rock Baptist Church where she served as teacher of the Philathea Sunday School Class and as a member of the Senior Choir, and a member of the Baptism Committee.

She was a charter member of the Volkamenia Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Stanford L. Warren Public Library.

Surviving are, one daughter, Mrs. Nannie C. Greene of Durham, one grandson, Thomas H. Greene, Jr., one sister, Mrs. Annie Morrow of Efland, North Carolina and one brother, Mr. Lindsay Faucette of Durham.

ORGAN MEDITATION ..... Mr. John H. Gattis

*"In The Christians Home In Glory"* ..... Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE VERSES ..... Rev. J. H. Jones  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

THE PRAYER

SOLO—*"He'll Understand And Say Well Done"* .....  
Mrs. Margaret Goodwin

RESOLUTIONS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ..... Miss Hattie Jenkins

SOLO—*"Sunrise"* ..... Mrs. L. B. Farrington

EULOGY—*"She Was Loyal"* ..... Rev. Miles Mark Fisher

*"God Will Take Care Of You"* ..... Senior Choir

RECESSIONAL ..... Mr. John H. Gattis

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COMMITTAL — JOHNSON H. RAY AND SONS

INTERMENT IN BEECHWOOD CEMETERY



*"I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:*

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*"O death, where is thy victory?"*

*O grave where is thy sting?"*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

*I Corinthians 15:50, 53-58*

*(Revised Standard Version, Principally)*

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*Paul J. Cooper*

**THE CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

Madison Street and Marcy and Putnam Avenues  
Brooklyn, New York

**SENIOR PASTOR**

The Reverend Gardner Taylor, D.D.

**PASTORS**

The Reverend J. W. Skinner, Sr.  
The Reverend Frederick Ennette

**Services of Homegoing**

**From**

**The Church Militant**

**To**

**The Church Triumphant**



*"... I am the resurrection, and the life:  
he that believeth in me, though he were  
dead, yet shall he live:"*

*St. John 11:25*



## Obituary

Paul J. Cooper, the son of the late Etta and John Cooper was born in Armour, North Carolina on January 17, 1917. He departed this life on March 29, 1984. His religious life was spent as a member of The Concord Baptist Church.

Mr. Cooper was a graduate of North Carolina A & T College and earned his Masters from Columbia, Fordham and New York Universities.

He began his professional career in 1947 at the New York City Department of Welfare which spanned 35 years and included the New York City Board of Education, Bureau of Child Guidance, Executive Director of the Brownsville-Ocean Hill Community Development Agency and Assistant Commissioner of the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. He retired from public life in December, 1982.

In fraternal life Mr. Cooper was a Past Master and Past Grand Master, most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. Other activities included membership in: 100 Black Men, The Comus Club, the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs and the Alumni Association of Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service to name a few.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Cooper; two sisters, Jessie Cooper Byrd of Lumberton, North Carolina and Beulah Cooper Jacobs of New Haven Connecticut; one brother, John S. Cooper of Lumberton, North Carolina; one niece, Allison Pendragon, ESQ of Honolulu, one nephew, Alwyn E. Kluttz, M.D. of St. Louis, Missouri and many friends.

INTERMENT: CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

## Services for The Late

MONDAY

BROTHER PAUL J. COOPER

APRIL 2, 1984

11:00 A. M.

## Order of Service

Prelude	The Organist	
Processional		
Hymn	"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"	#105
Scripture	The Pastor	
Prayer	The Pastor	
Hymn	Solo - - Mr. Archie G. Douglas	
Obituary, Messages of Condolence	The Clerk	
Hymn	"Abide With Me! Fast Falls The Eventide"	#2
Eulogy	The Pastor	
Hymn	"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"	#143
Benediction	The Pastor	



FLORAL BEARERS

Lady Employees of the Veteran's Administration Hospital

PALLBEARERS

Men Employees of the Veteran's Administration Hospital

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FAMILY

The FAMILY gratefully acknowledges all expressions of sympathy shown them during the brief illness and passing of their loved one.

ARRANGEMENTS

BY

SCARBOROUGH AND HARGETT FUNERAL HOME, INC.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

In Memoriam



MR. MURRAY COPELAND

January 9, 1924 — November 1, 1973

GREATER SAINT PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1973

1:00 P.M.

DR. W. T. BIGELOW, Minister

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### O B I T U A R Y

MR. MURRAY COPELAND, JR., was born in Davidson County, North Carolina, January 9, 1924, and departed this life Thursday evening, November 1, 1973, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

He served his country for fifteen years in the Armed Forces; he was awarded the Bronze Service Star, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

For ten years Mr. Copeland has been employed by the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Mr. Copeland was a very friendly, warm, and charming person, and was greeted as "Cope" or Murray by those who knew him.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lula Copeland; four children, Ravonia, Vanessa, Cheryl, and Undre, all of the home; one sister; three aunts; one uncle; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

*Ask Me Not  
To Not Pass Me By*

The Choir

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

*Hymn*

*Take it To The Lord in Pr*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Mrs. Katie Evans

RESOLUTIONS

*Hymn*

*God Will Take Care of*

HYMN

The Choir

EULOGY

Dr. W. T. Bigelow

RECESSIONAL

*I am Bound For The Promised*

Interment -- Glennview Memorial Park



## Remember Me and Live Your Life

*When I come to the end of this road and the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little...but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me....but let go!  
For this journey that we all must take, and we each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds;  
Remember Me and Live Your Life.*

The Family

### Floral Bearers

Metropolitan Baptist Church Sisterhood

### Pall Bearers

Metropolitan Baptist Church Laymen

### Honorary Pall Bearers

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

### Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who shared in easing the burden of care during the illness and passing of our loved one. Our gratitude is boundless. Every act is deeply and sincerely appreciated. Know that each of you is loved. A special thanks to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care of Nash General.

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Professional Services Entrusted To:

**Stokes Mortuary**

207 Albermarle Avenue

Rocky Mount, NC

(252) 977-1313

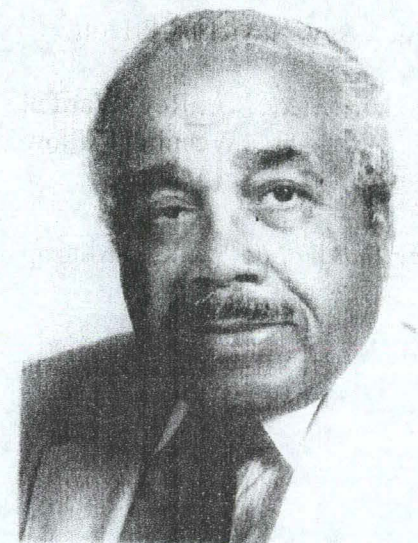
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## A Celebration of Life

*for*

### Robert Kelly Corbett, Sr.

September 15, 1920 – November 13, 2005



Thursday, November 17, 2005

1:30 p.m.

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**

1213 Leggett Road

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Reverend Richard A. Gerald, *Officiating*



## Order of Service

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rocessional

election 404- *"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"*  
Metropolitan Male Chorus

cripture

Old Testament.....Rev. J. E. Arnette.....Proverbs 3:1-10

New Testament....Rev. Raymond Privott.....John 14:1-6

ayer of Comfort.....Rev. Wardell Henderson, *Pastor*  
Weeping Willow AME Zion Church  
Charlotte, NC

election - *"What A Day That Will Be"* .....Metropolitan Male Chorus

emarks Grandchildren:

Attorney Robert Kelly Corbett, III & Monique Hargrove-Jones,  
Jasmine Corbett & James Corbett Hargrove

acknowledgments.....Deacon Barbara Wells

election..... "The Light House"

ulogy/Words of Comfort.....Rev. Richard A. Gerald

election 554- *"Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone"*  
Metropolitan Male Chorus

rocessional

~Interment~

Rocky Mount Memorial

\*\*\*Drivers please turn on your headlights.

## Obituary

**Robert Kelly Corbett, Sr.**, the fifth of seven children, was born to the late Willie L. and Mary J. Corbett on September 15, 1920 in Falkland, NC. He died peacefully, early Sunday morning, November 13, 2005. He received his high school diploma in 1936 from Booker T. Washington High School, Rocky Mount, NC. In 1940, "Baby Corbett" (as he was widely known), graduated Summa Cum Laude, from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC with a triple major in English, French and History. While there he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1937. Robert did further studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC and East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

Robert began his teaching career in 1941 at Harnett County Training School, Dunn, NC. His career was interrupted in 1942 when he was drafted into the U. S. Army. In the U. S. Army "Baby Corbett" became Master Sergeant Corbett. He was honorably discharged from the army in 1946 and immediately resumed his teaching career in Harnett County. Robert began teaching at Nash County Training School (now Nash Central High School) in 1953. During his tenure in Nash County, he served as teacher, principal and Director of Migrant Education. Robert retired from his career as an educator in 1985. During his 44 year career he never missed a day's work.

Robert accepted Christ at an early age, and was an active member of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church. Later in life he became an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC, where he served on the Board of Trustees, served as president of the Senior Choir and taught the Daughters of Zion Sunday School Class.

Among the many awards he received are his 50 year membership award from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (1988), Volunteer of the Year award from Rocky Mount Schools (1993) and the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service in Nash County (1993). As a strong supporter of the Nash Central Senior High Alumni Association and serving as Master of Ceremony for the annual fundraiser reunion for many years, the Nashville Chapter inducted him to the Wall of Fame, May 2001.

He was preceded in death by three brothers William Corbett, Frank Corbett, James Corbett; one sister Iva Smith and a son-in-law James I. Hargrove. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Cleo Nelson Corbett; a son Robert Kelly Corbett, Jr. (Linda) of Charlotte, NC, a daughter Shermayne Corbett Hargrove; a godson Dr. Willis McLeod (Jacqueline) of Fayetteville, NC; four grandchildren Attorney Robert Kelly Corbett, III (Colena) of Charlotte, NC, Monique Hargrove-Jones (Chauncey), Jasmine Corbett of Durham, NC, James Corbett Hargrove of Greensboro, NC; a sister Mary Bryant, a brother Alfred B. Corbett (Joyce) of Phoenix, AZ; two sisters-in-law Naomi Corbett of Rocky Mount and Elizabeth Corbett of St. Petersburg, FL; four nieces and four nephews.



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### CORBITT

Funeral service for Julius "Sookie" Corbitt Sr., 79, of 2908 Kanewood Dr., will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church, the Rev. Z.D. Harris officiating. Burial will be in Glennview Memorial Park. Viewing will be 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and visitation 6-7 p.m. today at Fisher Funeral Parlor.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a 30-year retired employee of the Durham V.A. Medical Center.



### CORBITT

Surviving are his wife, Gladys Smith Corbitt; children, Julius Corbitt Jr. (Tonia), Julia Corbitt, Michael Corbitt, and Gladys E. Bruton, of Norfolk, Va.; grandchildren, Shatanina Corbitt, Mikie Corbitt, Scherena Couch, and Roderick Johnson; and great-grandchildren, Shakiera Corbitt, Treyvon Corbitt, and Austin Johnson.