



## Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper

April 10, 1944 - March 1, 2023

COOPER, Mr. Willie Horace Sr. "Desert Fox" – age 78, passed away, Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at his residence. Family Hour 10:30 AM Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 599 Michigan Ave., with Funeral Service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Pastor Jerry Love, Officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 North Belford Road. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble 10:30 AM Saturday at the church. Mr. Cooper, Sr. will lie in state directly at the Church and may be viewed from 9:00 AM until the time of the Service on Saturday.

Willie was an all-star and Captain of his basketball and football teams during his high school years. Mr. Cooper gave his life to Christ at an early age and was a part of the Original Church of God and Christ.

Willie was a compassionate and strong-willed spirit. He would help anyone who was in need. He loved his family and was always there for each of us, our children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews. Willie joined the United States Army in 1962, where he served and fought in the Vietnam War Era and served his country for 6 years. During his years of Service, Willie served honorably as a Military Policeman and received the Parachutist and Sharpshooter Badges w Rifle Device (M14), Good Conduct Medal Bronze Loop with 2 clasp, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Mr. Cooper leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife Roberta Cooper; children, Eric (Judy) Cooper of Novi, MI, Willie H. (Rebekah) Cooper Jr. of West Point, NY and Chwana Cooper of Pontiac, MI; siblings, Macie A. Cooper of Pontiac, MI and Larry Jerome Cooper of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, La'Breia L. Wilder, Tessa N. Cooper, Dominique D. Cooper, Na'Caria J. Sangster, Makayla L. Cooper, Ethan E. Cooper, and Kennedy L. Cooper; great-grandchild: Eli J. Herring; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Cooper was preceded in death by his parents George Lee Sr. and Martha Cleo Cooper, siblings, George Lee Jr., Burton Lee Cooper, Richard Cooper, Thomas Wayne Cooper, Martha Jewell Fletcher, Marie Wardell, and Mary Katherine Hurt.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAR 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
599 Michigan Avenue  
Pontiac, MI 48341

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
599 Michigan  
pontiac, MI

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Patti Rist purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper.*



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**Patti Rist** - March 10, 2023 at 08:20 AM

TM

“ *Deepest condolences to the Cooper family.  
Tracey Maxwell & family*

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**Tracey Maxwell** - March 08, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JV

“ *TheJean Vickers's Family send our Condolences and our prayers to the Family of Willie Horace Cooper Sr. May God comfort you all.*

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**Jean Vickers** - March 08, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper.*



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March 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper.*



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March 07, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Chwana and all of the Cooper family, my deepest condolences!*

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**Katia Cursino** - March 07, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper.*



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March 06, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this Chwana. You know you have this other crazy family who loves you and will support you as well. May you and your family experience the warmth as we all lift you up in our thoughts and prayers!!!!*

*Clint Chapman  
Yaskawa*

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**Clint Chapman** - March 06, 2023 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ Chwana and all of the Cooper family, Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult loss.

*Sending my sympathy for family.*

*Sherri Swabb*

*Yaskawa*

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**Sherri Swabb** - March 06, 2023 at 08:20 AM

TM

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Cooper family. May your soul rest in peace with the Heavenly Father.

*The Myers Family*



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**Thomas and Paula Myers** - March 05, 2023 at 06:57 PM

RJ

“ Rosie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



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**Rosie Jordan** - March 04, 2023 at 09:07 PM

DL

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Cooper family, may God's love surround all of you.

*John and Dayle Luke*



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**Dayle R. Luke / John Luke** - March 04, 2023 at 08:38 PM

BF

“ Beverly Rollins And Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



Beverly Rollins And Walker Family - March 04, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Missy Starks lit a candle in memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



Missy Starks - March 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ Donzell Butler lit a candle in memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



donzell butler - March 04, 2023 at 09:51 AM

DB

*rest in peace Desert Fox*

donzell butler - March 04, 2023 at 09:51 AM

BT

“ My prayers, thoughts and memories of our school days in the late fifties and early sixties will always be treasured as we recall our alma motto at dear old Carver-Smith High School in Columbia, Tennessee. Cooper will always be remembered as a fun loving guy and a good friend to all. Roberta, may God continue to comfort you during your time of bereavement. I am here if you need me.

Class of '62

Your Classmate

Bonnie Thomas

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**Bonnie Thomas** - March 04, 2023 at 01:32 AM

PL

“ Pastor Jerry Love sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



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**Pastor Jerry Love** - March 03, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ Fox was a constant figure in my life growing up, and I miss and love him so very much. He was ALWAYS so funny when he told me stories about him going to the hospital or doctors. RIP and hope you hanging out with all your chess buddies. Tell my dad, hello, until we meet again! 💙💜💛💚

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**Nene Hammer** - March 03, 2023 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ Too Mrs Roberta Cooper & Family,  
Sorry to hear about Willie Horace passing. He  
was a classmate of mine and my wife  
Barbara. May God comfort you as only he  
can. May precious memories comfort you as  
well. We will keep you and your family in our prayers 🙏🙏🙏 “God  
Bless”



James & Barbara Moore - March 03, 2023 at 09:26 PM

ES

“ Mann hearing them hitting that “Chess Clock.  
Freeze .....Mannnn desert I didn't even see  
that move. This was ALL NIGHT LONG! ❤️



Ernest Sledge - March 03, 2023 at 08:23 PM

TM

“ Twyla Mays lit a candle in memory of Willie  
Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



Twyla Mays - March 03, 2023 at 06:46 PM

RS

“ Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in  
memory of Willie Horace "Desert Fox" Cooper



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - March 03, 2023 at 05:31 PM



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**Chwana Cooper** - March 03, 2023 at 05:08 PM