



RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper

April 26, 1948 - November 16, 2023

SSG (Ret.) Bennie Jerome Cooper, cherished veteran of the Army, gracefully embarked on his journey to eternal peace on November 16, 2023, surrounded by the embrace of love at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina, he left an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to know him intimately. Affectionately referred to as “Coop,” “Book” or “Butch” among his close family and friends, he graced this world on April 26, 1948. Born to the late James Lee and Rovenia Graham-Gary-Cooper in Olanta, South Carolina, and was nurtured in the heart of Lake City, South Carolina, alongside twelve siblings.

Beyond his decorated military service, SSG(Ret.) Bennie Jerome Cooper was more than a name etched in history; he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and a cherished brother. His commitment to family was unwavering, and his love for them was the guiding force in his life. His legacy is not just one of military honor but also a testament to the enduring strength and warmth that family brought to his journey.

As we mourn the loss of this exceptional soul, let us remember the man who not only served his country with distinction but also filled the lives of those around him with love, laughter, and enduring bonds of family. SSG (Ret.) Bennie Jerome Cooper’s spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege to know and love him.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 10:05 AM

BI

“ *My condolences to the family*

Barbara Irons - December 05, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BI

“ *Barbara Irons lit a candle in memory of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper*



Barbara Irons - December 05, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper.*



December 05, 2023 at 09:57 AM

MG

“ *Condolences to the Cooper family. Rest In Peace Bennie.*

*Mary L. Singletary Graham family,
Hemingway, South Carolina
December 4, 2022*



Mary S Graham - December 04, 2023 at 07:09 PM

AL

“ *Angela Livingston lit a candle in memory of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper*



Angela Livingston - December 04, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper.*



December 03, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper.*



December 02, 2023 at 07:16 PM

MH

“ MARVIN LYRONE HARGROVE lit a candle in memory of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper



MARVIN LYRONE HARGROVE - December 02, 2023 at 11:46 AM

QW

“ The Carver High School Alumni Association sends their prayers for comfort to the Cooper Family in these trying times. May God keep you all in his loving care. Queen Wallace, Recording Secretary, Carver High School Alumni Association, Lake City South Carolina 29560



Queen Wallace - December 01, 2023 at 09:39 PM

SM

“ Please accept my condolences and prayers during this difficult loss.

Sabrina Baker McDonald - November 30, 2023 at 10:53 PM

JB

“ Butch we had so memories growing up. We were in class together from 3rd grade thru graduation Carver High School, Lake City SC. We were in Vietnam at the same time, 1967-1968 and fellow bus drivers in high school. Rest in Peace my very good friend and May God Bless your Soul. Jim Burgess, CMSGT, Ret, USAF.

Jim Burgess - November 28, 2023 at 01:47 PM

GM

“ Geraldine McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper



Geraldine McLaughlin - November 25, 2023 at 06:00 PM

BB

“ Condolences and prayers to the Cooper family. From our hearts to yours with love. 🙏
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From Rev.Richard and Brenda and family.



Brenda Bethea - November 25, 2023 at 05:19 AM

AD

“ We are thinking about you at this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort. Love, Deacon Greg & Ann Davis

Ann Davis - November 21, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET SSG Bennie Jerome Cooper.



November 21, 2023 at 07:40 PM