



## James Edward Cooper

June 23, 1946 - March 12, 2015

James(Gene) Edward Cooper

James Edward Cooper was born June 23, 1946 in Jamestown, Mississippi to Birdie(nee Lee) and AC Cooper. He was the second of seven children. James was called home on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at Salem Village Nursing Home in Joliet, Illinois.

James grew up in Jamestown, Mississippi; Carbondale, Illinois; and Cairo, Illinois. He went to elementary school in Cairo. He relocated, with his mother, to Joliet, Illinois in 1954 and attended Washington Jr. High and Joliet Township High School.

James confessed Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and recently rededicated his life to Christ. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. James enjoyed singing more than anything else. He wrote and performed songs with his all male singing group. He performed at many venues in Joliet throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s. His dream was to become a professional singer. He spent many hours with his group rehearsing the songs and steps for their performances. Posters advertising their performances hung on every light post on the southend and east side. James also spent many hours writing poetry. He left a book of his poems for his family to cherish for many generations. James was employed with Apollo Colors in Rockdale,

Illinois.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Birdie and AC Cooper; his sister Dorothy Booker; and his niece Amorette Cooper-Luckey. To Cherish his memory he leaves two sisters, Juliet Craig and Jacqueline Cooper-Reyes; three brothers, Jerry Cooper, Gregory Cooper and Carl Lee; two brother in-laws, William Booker and Emmitt Craig; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
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## Funeral Services

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Cooper*

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January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *He was always a happy cuz He had lots of good story's to share with the family gonna miss u Gene your cuz Monica (money)*

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**Monica Kinard** - March 14, 2015 at 10:02 AM