



## Dorothy B. Cooper

December 8, 1926 - April 15, 2018

Dorothy Brady Cooper, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John N. Brady, was born in Milford, Delaware, on December 8, 1926. She departed this life on Sunday, April 15, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Dorothy graduated from Milford School # 3 and Delaware College High School for Colored Students. She attended and graduated from Delaware State College (now University), with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Later, she did graduate work at the University of Delaware and Delaware State University. Then, she taught at Booker T. Washington Elementary School, Towne Point Elementary School, and East Dover Elementary School in Dover and Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in Milford. Teaching was her vocation and avocation. Her motto was to "always do unto other people's children as you want them to do unto your children."

In 1947, Dorothy married the love of her life, Charles Cooper and together they had three children, Charles Cooper II, Beverly Cooper Hayes, and Keith Brady Cooper. Her hobbies included attending cultural activities, spectator sports, the theater, music, tutoring, cooking, traveling and meeting people. Through the years, she was a member of several organizations, but most recently she was active with Epsilon Iota Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Dover Delaware Chapter of the National Sorority of the Links, Inc., The National Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc., Delaware State University Alumni Association, Kent County Delaware Chapter, and the John

H. Porter-First State Chapter-Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. In addition, she was a devoted member of Church Women United and the Whatcoat United Methodist Church, where she sang in the Chancel Choir and served on several committees. She was recognized many times for her meritorious service. One of the proudest moments of her life was when she was a member of a Mass Choir that performed at Constitution Hall, in Washington, D.C. She was also a tribal citizen of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians of Dover.

In 1991, Dorothy retired from her teaching career that spanned 35 years, and then spent countless hours as a volunteer tutor, participating in community service, and serving her church. She also enjoyed traveling to the West Coast and visiting her children, first to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and then several trips to Ashland, Oregon, and California.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. She was the family matriarch, who was caring, loving, energetic and independent. She often stated that “she was huffing and blowing, but thank God she was still going.” In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edward Cooper, in 1999 and son-in-law Earl O. Hayes, in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly Cooper-Hayes of Dover; sons, Charles E. Cooper II (Kathy) of Dover, and Keith Cooper (Mariana) of Ashland, Oregon; grandchildren, Robert Winfree, Jr. (Natalie) of Lincoln University, PA, Marcus Hayes (Kim) of Plains, PA, Brady Cooper, Sophia Cooper, Gabriella Cooper of Ashland, Oregon; great grandchildren, Mason Hayes and Carter Hayes of Lewes, DE, Cooper Hayes and Ava Ryzner, of Plains, PA and Amelia Winfree, Lincoln University, PA; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Dear Chady, Beverly and Keith,  
I share your grief on the loss of your Mother Dot and my sister in Christ. What a great legacy she has left for your remembrance! She was beautiful inside and out! I offer you grace and peace!  
Thanks to WUMC technology, I was able to livestream her celebration of life today. A true description of her life well lived. To God be the glory!

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**Althea Armstrong** - April 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware wishes to offer their heartfelt condolences to the Family and Friends of Ms Dorothy Cooper. May the sadness of your loss be offset by expressions of affection in this season of new life.

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**Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware** - April 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I am saddened to see that my most favorite teacher ever has passed. Please know that Mrs. Cooper was loved and remembered by me since I was in her second grade class nearly 46 years ago. She left a lasting impression on me. Her smile was warm and welcoming but yet she was stern and demanded the best of her students. I learned a great deal about respect from her. I remember being pregnant and rushed in to the bank on a hot July day and I heard a voice say ‘Now I know I taught you better manners than to walk past without speaking.’ I knew right away it was Mrs. Cooper. May God bring comfort to her family and loved ones and may she Rest In Peace.

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**Kim McGregor Endres** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ *My sincere condolences to all the family. Miss Dot will surely be missed! I remember all those years teaching with her at East Dover Elementary. My God bring the family comfort, strength, and peace during this very difficult time. It is never easy losing a love one.*

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**Wanda J Parton** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

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**H. Fields** - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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*I am so sorry for the loss of Dorothy Cooper your loved one and I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the family. May you find comfort in God's words in (Revelation 21: 4.)*

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**JoyceA** - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.*

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**Irene** - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss!  
Jesus Loves Me!*

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**Thomas & Libby Widgeon** - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *We had such fun when Keith, Rob and Mike played baseball together both for Bob and Dover HS. Also great memories from our teaching days at East Elementary. You will be missed. Condolences to the family.*

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**Patricia Langrell** - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM