



Freeman E. Cooper, Jr.

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Retired Chattanooga Police Chief Freeman E. Cooper, Jr., 70, departed this life on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at his residence after a battle with lung cancer. Chief Cooper lived a lifetime of service to his fellow man, serving his country during Vietnam then a 28-year career in law enforcement. Freeman was born to Freeman E., Sr. and Alberta Christine Cooper. He was a 1969 graduate of Howard High School and attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga before joining the U.S. Air Force. Chief Cooper graduated from the Chattanooga Police Academy in 1982. Like every recruit, his career began as an officer in patrol. He loved being out among the people trying to make a difference. A 1991 graduate of the FBI National Academy, Freeman worked his way up through the ranks becoming CPD's first and only Executive Chief in 2004. Appointed to Police Chief in 2007 by Mayor Ron Littlefield, he served the city and its people until retirement in 2010. He is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Lillian Barnett. Freeman is survived by his wife, Debra A. Cooper; blended family, J. Cody Lockhart, Cari Lockhart, Cooper Barnes, Laura, and Cora; his sons, Kory (Rebekah) Cooper and Daniel Cooper; daughters, TeKisha Murphy and JaCobi (Michael) Battles; seven grandchildren, Daryl, Jr., KorDarrius Murphy, Kory, II, Curtis, and Henry Cooper, Mykah Battles, and Ava Marie Cooper; great-grandchild, Devyn Roberts; brother, Isaac Cooper; sister, Frances Quarterman; many treasured nieces; nephews; cousins; and an abundance of cherished friends.

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3. Click 'Live' or Thumbs Up 4. Scroll down and view service.



Events

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Lie-In-State

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Visitation

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

North Hamilton Church of Christ
8310 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy TN 37384



Visitation

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET

North Hamilton Church of Christ
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Service

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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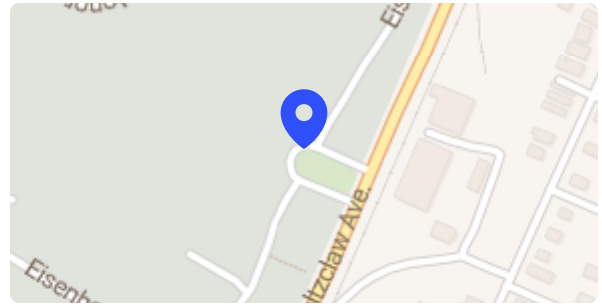
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Cemetery Details

 **Chattanooga National Cemetery**
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404





Tribute Wall

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DD

Diane Dews lit a candle in honor of Freeman.



April 4 at 2:51 AM

CH

Chaplain Mike Hardee posted:

On behalf of the FBI National Academy Associates National Board, the FBI National Academy Associates Charitable Foundation and the FBI National Academy Family we send our deepest condolences for the loss of our brother Freeman E. Copper, Session 165. It saddens our heart when we hear that one of our own has passed. We want the family and the community to know that we will keep you in our prayers. Knowing that God hears our prayers brings us hope, peace and comfort that the Lord is with us at all times and we can call on him in time of need. Freeman's name will be added to our Memory Roll and read at the National Conference. If there is more we can do, please let us know. God bless, Chaplain Mike Hardee

April 3 at 1:49 PM

KH

Karen Henry sent a virtual gift in honor of Freeman.



April 1 at 3:03 AM

JP

Janet And Richard Powell posted:

Our deepest condolences to the family of Brother Freeman Cooper. We have known Brother Freeman for many years from Ridgedale Church of Christ to White Oak Church of Christ. It was such a blessing to my husband and I to know him. He was a kind loving soul. Thank God that we were blessed to know him.

March 31 at 4:44 AM

TH

Taylor Funeral Home posted:

March 31 at 4:23 AM



Tribute Wall

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Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called CemeteryService-FreemanCooperJr.



March 31 at 4:19 AM



Tish Quarterman April 4 at 4:45 PM

John Taylor and family Frances Quarterman and daughter Tish thank you for such a beautiful and wonderful service.



Remon Talley Mcgee posted:

My brothers and myself grew up with Freeman on the same street. I was younger , but graduated with my oldest deceased brother, Norman. Test in the presence of the Lord

March 30 at 6:10 PM



Eloise Cooke lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

Mr.Freeman E.Cooper job well done. RIP.



March 29 at 1:38 PM



Tim Eads posted:

What a loss to this World. I had the honor and privilege to get to know and work with Chief Cooper through the TACP. He always insisted I call him Freeman :) What a true professional that always had a hug and positive word of encouragement to those around him. He will be missed by All for sure. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and all that he crossed paths with. Dickson County Sheriff Tim Eads

March 29 at 12:19 PM



Regina Brock And Maggie Kizer lit a candle in honor of Freeman.



March 29 at 10:49 AM



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Gwen Merritt Hudgins lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 29 at 8:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cooper, family.

March 29 at 4:26 AM



Ronda Reed Swafford lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 28 at 12:29 PM



Janis And Harold Robinson lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 28 at 10:42 AM



Janis And Harold Robinson lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 28 at 10:39 AM



JR **Janis And Harold Robinson** March 28 at 10:41 AM
Bro. Freeman was such a nice guy. And he will truly be missed 😞



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MB

Maxie Benton lit a candle in honor of Freeman.



March 28 at 9:04 AM

MB

Maxie Benton March 28 at 9:06 AM

Joe & Maxie Benton : So so sorry to hear of Freeman passing. We will be praying for the Family.

MJ

Mary Jones lit a candle in honor of Freeman.



March 28 at 6:37 AM

SV

Steve & Diane Parks Janie & Adam Varnell sent a Tranquil Seas to the Cooper, family.



March 28 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cooper, family.



March 28 at 4:02 AM

DK

Deborah Kelly posted:

My deepest condolences to the Cooper Family. Freeman and I went to Alton Park Jr High together and I worked as a School Patrol Officer when he was chief. I will always remember him as a very professional man. RIP my friend until we meet again.

March 27 at 10:51 AM



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WC

Winifred Careathers lit a candle in honor of Freeman.



March 26 at 10:00 PM

LW

Louise T. Williams posted:

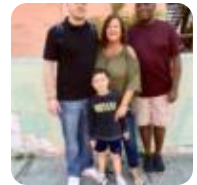
Sending my heartfelt condolences to Debbie and the entire family. May God give you strength, peace and comfort during this time. RIH Chief

March 26 at 7:13 PM

CL

Cody Lockhart shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My stepdad Freeman Cooper was the best man I've ever met in my life. He taught me what it is to be a true man of your word, and of God. He made a positive impact on everyone around him. And meant so much to so many people. To me, he was Dad. If I can be 1% of the man you were, my life will be a success. I'll miss you so much Freeman, and know we'll see each other again in heaven. Love you.



March 26 at 7:46 AM

AB

Angela Brown posted:

We will miss you. Chattanooga please honor this good man

March 26 at 7:30 AM

SA

Stan Allen posted:

Freeman was my friend and long time mentor. I am what I am in a large part due to Freeman. Prayers for his family

March 26 at 7:24 AM

BA

Brenda Autry posted:

Our prayers are with the Cooper and Murphy family for God's love and peace to comfort you all today The Autry family.

March 25 at 5:23 PM



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Eloise Merritt lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 25 at 11:54 AM



Marcia Smith lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 25 at 11:41 AM



Lawrence And Angela Brown lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 25 at 11:18 AM



Brenda Autry March 25 at 5:16 PM

Our prayers are with the Cooper and Murphy family. May God's love and peace be with you all at this moment and always. The Autry family.



Henrietta Erskine posted:

The members of the 1969 class of Howard High School wish to express our sincere condolences to the entire family of our classmate and friend, Freeman Cooper. May you all find strength in knowing that God is our refuge and strength. He will never leave nor forsake you. Be reminded that God is a very present help in trouble. As his life celebration begins; cherish the precious memories that we shared with him. Prayerfully 🙏 submitted on this day from the 1969 class of Howard High School ❤️💛 Chattanooga Tn-ELDER HENRIETTA ERSKINE

March 25 at 10:04 AM



Corliss A. Cooper posted:

Condolences to his Son, Wife and the rest of his family. May God provide the comfort and strength this family will need in the days ahead. Rest easy Chief Cooper.

March 25 at 8:51 AM



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JI

Jason Irvin posted:

Chief Cooper was a good man. He was my Lieutenant in Training when I started the Chattanooga Police Academy in 1997. Fond memories of him and had he carried himself. Always professional and honorable. He will be missed. Jason Irvin

March 25 at 4:42 AM

CG

Connie Gautreaux posted:

Please accept my sincere condolences thoughts and prayers. Chief was a very dear friend of my husband and I. We always sat together at FBINAA luncheons and so enjoyed our conversations. May he Rest In Peace.

March 25 at 4:28 AM

KR

Kookie Rollins lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

My condolences to the Freeman Cooper family 🙏👤

March 24 at 11:42 PM



LR

Lera Richmond lit a candle in honor of Freeman.

March 24 at 10:48 PM





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Joyce And Bundles Wadley posted:

TO THE COOPER FAMILIES; WE GREW UP TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST LOCATED IN ALTON PARK ON THE HILL. HIS SISTER ,MY SISTER AND ALVA JO STRICKLAND WERE GOOD FRIENDS. WE WERE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BRO. ANDERSON ROBINSON AT THAT TIME. I SHALL NEVER FORGET BRO AND SISTER COOPER ,BRO AND SISTER STRICKLAND AND MY GRAND-FATHER AND GRAND-MOTHER BRO AND SIS THOMAS GARY CHRISTIAN CO- PARENTED US WITH SIS JONES, FAYE AND ANNS MOTHER..WE ALWAYS HAD INSPIRING LIL PEOPLE CHURCH PROGRAMS AND WE HAD TO KNOW OUR SPEECHES THAT MADE THE OLDER MEMBERS VERY PROUD OF US. MAY HIS FAMILIES KNOW THAT HE WAS RAISED AS A PROFOUND FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE STRUCTURED PRECEPTS FROM THE BIBLE THAT WAS TAUGHT TO US AT AN EARLY AGE. MAY THESE SMALL TOKENS OF MY REMEMBRANCE COMFORT AND KEEP YOU ALL THRU THESE COMING DAYS AND HOURS WITH SMILES ON YOUR HEARTS IS MY SOLEMN PRAYER AMEN...

March 24 at 10:39 PM



Joyce And Bundles Wadley March 24 at 10:41 PM

JOYCE AND BUNDLES WADLEY



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New Video



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Freeman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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