



## Shirley Cooper

June 8, 1936 - January 30, 2026

Shirley Rice Cooper was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on June 8, 1936. She was the daughter of the late Willie and Clara Rice and the youngest of five daughters born to their union. Shirley moved to Baltimore at a very young age. She attended Baltimore City Public Schools and was an accelerated student, graduating at the age of 17 from Frederick Douglass High School, Class of 1953.

On October 10, 1954, Shirley married Charles Cooper and from that union, three children were born.

She worked at various department stores before beginning her career with the Social Security Administration in 1966. During her years of service, Shirley received several cash awards for exemplary performance as a manager, remaining with the agency until her retirement.

Shirley was a faithful and active member of Fulton Baptist Church. She served on the Trustee Board and was instrumental in creating a quilt honoring deceased women members, as well as a memory tree dedicated to members of the church who had passed on.

Creative and stylish, Shirley was truly a fashionista. She loved shopping at secondhand stores and yard sales, and if you were searching for something

special, all you had to do was ask, she would find it. Shirley also enjoyed traveling both stateside and abroad with her family.

Shirley will be remembered for her kindness, her willingness to help those in need, and her dedication to improving the quality of life for others. Quietly, on January 30, 2026, while at Charter Senior Living at Woodholme, Shirley Rice Cooper received her wings and is now resting with her Heavenly Father.

In her passing she leaves to mourn: her three children, Rhonda Cooper Murdock (John), Antonio Cooper (Denise), and Stephanie Brunt; four grandchildren, Adom Cooper (Christina), Gyasi Cooper (Morgan), Nneka Brunt, and John Murdock III; two great-grandchildren, Zalia and Genesis; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her four sisters Louise, Elizabeth, Madge, and Dorothy.

# Cemetery Details

## Druid Ridge

7900 Park Heights Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21208

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 10. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

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

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
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## Funeral Service

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FEB 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Cooper*



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**March Life Tribute Centers** - February 03 at 02:42 PM

LF

“ *Linda Brigmon and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Cooper.*



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**Linda Brigmon and family** - February 08 at 02:30 PM

LF

“ *Linda Brigmon and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Cooper.*

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**Linda Brigmon and family** - February 08 at 02:30 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Cooper.*



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February 08 at 01:51 PM

JL

“ Joey Feldstein & Lynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Cooper.

Joey Feldstein & Lynn - February 08 at 01:51 PM

MR

“ Family, we all have a return home date. I pray Shirley's transition was blessed. This is not in sadness and I pray flights of Angels are singing to her 🙏

Muriel Roberts - February 08 at 11:11 AM

MC

“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center - February 03 at 03:14 PM