

### Appreciation

With grateful hearts, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, words of comfort and many other acts of kindness. Whatever you did to console our hearts and lift our spirits, it brought a measure of strength and peace that will always be cherished. May God bless you forever and ever ~ The Family ~

### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burndened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now - He set me free.



# Celebration of Life

Ms. Darien  
(McCormick)  
Cooper



1947

2022

**GRAVESIDE**

**S.E.R.V.I.C.E.S**

Saturday - June 25, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery

4615 East Hanna Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33610

Pastor W. D. Sims, Officiating



4050 E. Hillsborough Ave. ~ Tampa, FL 33610

"A Temple of Service"



*Ms. Darien Cooper*  
*June 14th, 1947 ~ June 14th, 2022*

Our mother, our sister, our beloved friend. Selfless and kind in every way. The lives she touched will truly never be the same. A beautiful soul with a heart for service to others. Her generosity knew no bounds. Smile through the tears, and join us in celebrating a life filled with joy and prayer.  
Gone, but never forgotten. In our hearts forever.

Darien was born on June 14, 1947 to the late Steve Henry McCormick, Sr., and Josie Mae Dixon in Tampa, Florida. She attended Middleton Senior High School. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, mother, grandmother, and friend who was always there when we needed her.

She was quick-witted, filled with life, beyond humorous, and the best advice giver ever! Darien loved to shop and spend quality time with her entire family. She welcomed everyone into her heart and care. She never turned anyone away that was in need. Because of this, she was always recognized as a well-loved family member and an exceptional member of her community.

Darien was a member of St. Matthew’s Missionary Baptist Church, officiated by Servant/Pastor W. D. Sims. She held a career as a dietitian at Charter Hospital located in Tampa, Florida for 10 years.

Darien continued her career as the Head VPK teacher at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for 20 years. On May 22, 2014, Darien was awarded the “Lifetime Achievement Award” by Rev. Dr. H. L. Daniels and his loving wife, Sister Daniels for her dedicated service as the Head VPK Teacher at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to her career, she was also a caterer for many years and one of her most proud moments was becoming a founding member of the MacDill Air Force Base Gospel Choir.

Ms. Darien (McCormick) Cooper gained her wings on June 14, 2022, and she was preceded in death by her parents, Steve H. McCormick, Sr., and Josie Mae Vickers; brothers, Clarence L Brooks, Steve H. McCormick, Sr. and Charles R. Brooks; sister, Eva Bush; and daughter, Althea Gaines Knighton.

Darien leaves to cherish fond memories shared with her daughter, Tangella Streets Pilcher, and son, Joseph G. Streets (Willette); Grandchildren, Chelsey Knighton, Roderick Knighton, Zacchaeus Knighton, Alyssa R. Streets, Asia M. Streets, and Lloyd “Victor” Pilcher, Jr.; brothers, Larry Brooks (Darlene), Rev. Willie F. Brooks, twin brother, Donald McCormick (Brenda) and Warren A. Brooks; sisters, Carolyn P. Reed Watkins (friend, Gary), and Sandra A. Thompson (Rev. Clyde D. Thompson); devoted God-brothers, Anthony Frierson and Melton Taylor (Hazel) of Melbourne, Florida; a host of devoted cousins, nieces, nephews, other loving family members and friends.

*Order of Service*

Processional/Final Glance

Invocation ..... Pastor W. D. Sims

Scripture Reading

Old Testament .....Psalm 23..... Doretha Streets Crues

New Testament .....Matt.18:21-22..... Deacon Melton Taylor

Selection ..... Reverend Maurice Allen

Acknowledgement & Resolutions

Poem ..... Tangella Streets Pilcher

Reflections

As A Mother ..... Joseph G. Streets

As A Friend ..... Mrs. Sarah Corbett

Selection ..... Doretha Streets Crues

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor W. D. Sims

St. Matthew M. B. Church  
Tampa, Florida

Committal ..... Pastor W. D. Sims

Recessional



~ Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. ~ Matthew 5:4

~ Repast ~  
Family and Friends  
4808 North 32nd Street - Tampa, Florida 33610