



LAWANDA PERKINS- COOPER

December 18, 1961 - December 21, 2017

LaWanda Perkins-Cooper, 56, of Kankakee, IL, passed away Thursday, December 21, 2017 at her home. Visitation will be Friday, December 29, 2017 from 4:00 until 7:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, December 30, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 10:00 A.M. at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Howard Wills Sr. will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

LaWanda Perkins-Cooper was born December 18, 1961 in Chicago, IL to Marguerite Austin and Lonnie Evans. She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized at Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Hezekiah Brady. She was a member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she served in the music ministry.

LaWanda was a graduate of St. Anne High School and attended Olivet Nazarene University. She was employed by Indian Oaks Academy for 12 years and also was formerly employed by St. Anne High School and Pembroke School District 259.

She was active in the community, having been a member of the Hopkins Park Elks; a trustee for the Village of Hopkins Park and participated in the Kankakee County Women's Auxiliary.

LaWanda was super talented musically. She played the piano, organ, trumpet, trombone and saxophone. She was also skilled at working on cars.

She was united in marriage to Larry Cooper on May 22, 2005.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, of Kankakee, IL; four sons and one daughter-in-law, Jake Perkins Jr. of Chicago, IL, Michael Perkins of Waukegan, IL, Peter and Mary Perkins of Algonquin, IL and Carl Perkins of Little Rock, AR; six daughters, Lillian Perkins of Kankakee, IL, Augusta Perkins of Columbus, OH, Kimberly Perkins of Las Vegas, NV, Martha Walker of Chicago, IL and Cynthia Perkins and Frankie Perkins, both of Little Rock, AR; her mother, Marguerite Turner of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; one brother and sister-in-law, LaMount and Daphne Austin of Albuquerque, NM; one sister, Ivette Black of Philadelphia, PA; in-laws, Derrick Cooper of Kankakee, IL, Darell and Jackie Cooper of Columbus, OH, Lanise and David Crisp of Wausau, WI, Jeorge Cooper of Waupun, WI and Edward and Marlana Haywood of Milwaukee, WI, and a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents, William and Lillian Bestor; her first husband, Jake Perkins Sr. and a daughter, Clara Askew.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Larrycooper lit a candle in memory of
LAWANDA PERKINS-COOPER*



larrycooper - December 21, 2025 at 08:49 PM

LA

*ON THIS DAY IN 2017 I LOST THE LOVE OF MY LIFE, YOU ARE
ALWAYS IN MY HEART.I LOVE YOU.*

larrycooper - December 21, 2025 at 08:58 PM

TW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You all have our deepest
condolences. Sending prayers and Love your way. Blessings!*

Tracy Lenton - Woodley - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Lawanda and I have been coworkers since 2006. She and I talked
about the bible many times. Lawanda was a good Christian woman.
She helped me many times finding items in the bible. I worked with
her in the same classroom at the school and she was a great p*

Philip DiPasquale - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *So sorry for your loss, Praying the Lord give the family strength.
Lawanda was a beautiful person inside and out, she will be missed.*

Debbie Autman - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We want to send our deepest condolences and we are praying for the family. We know how much Mrs.Perkins will be truly missed and she was and still is very loved

Salter-Taylor Family - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My entire family sends their condolences...(Lashonda Jarrett Smith)

Jarrett - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My condolences. Praying for the family.

Cheryl Wilson - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM