



Rev. Ron Cooper

March 15, 1956 - July 19, 2024

Rev. Ron Cooper, 68 of Morganton, NC went to his Lord and Savior, Friday, July 19, 2024. Born on March 15, 1956, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Paris Cooper. Ron was the Interim Pastor at McGalliard Falls Baptist Church from 2020 to 2023, former Pastor at El Bethel Baptist Church from 2000 to 2017, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Rutherfordton, NC from 1986 to 2000, and Associate Pastor of North Frayser Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. He earned his bachelor's degree at Columbia Bible College in 1979 and his Master of Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982 where he was ordained by the late Dr. Adrian Rogers. He was called to serve the Lord at the age of 14.

Ron is survived by his wife of 47 years, Debbie Cooper; daughter, Joy Cooper White (Brad); granddaughters, Hadley and Raelynn White; sister, Cheryl Denise Cooper; brother-in-law, Richard Carlson; nieces and nephews, Jacob Hughes (Diane), Holly Hughes Tallent (Phillip), Ben Hughes (Michelle), Denise Whitfield (Dave), Tina Zaworski (Stan), Joe Legions (Cherelle); several great-nieces, nephews and great great-nieces, nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2pm until 4pm Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at El Bethel Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4pm, in the sanctuary of El Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Justin Cunningham officiating. Burial will follow in the

Baptist Church with the Rev. Jason Cunningham officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Ron u will be missed. Such a true man of God u were. Always enjoyed our times going out to eat. Especially the drives with Ms Daisy. Brothers in Christ and friendship u were.

—Roger Austin Hart



Debbie- You & Joy have been on my mind and in my heart. Pastor Ron was a true reflection of Gods love for all to see. I am so grateful to have known him and for his guidance as I grew in my walk with the Lord. I was blessed to be able to hear many of his sermons- some of which I still have notes on, and to be baptized by him. He was such a faithful servant of the Lord. I can only imagine how joyous it was for him to enter into heaven and be with the One he loved so much. So thankful for the hope of heaven and to know our true home awaits us. Wrapping you all in prayer as you grieve this great loss. Love to all- Angel "Well done, thou good and faithful servant.. enter thou into the joy of the Lord." -Matthew 25:21

—Angel Digh



—Michael and Susan Moses



What a precious soul he was. I loved the way he loved his Lord and Savior and lived every day proving it. He is in a better place now, all healed with a new body. I pray for his sweet wife Debbie and his Daughter Joy. He will definitely be missed by so many.

–Jodi Bowman

Debbie and family I'm so sorry for your loss. Pastor Ron was the greatest spiritual mentor I ever had. I will always be grateful for the impact he made in my life and for the wonderful pastor and friend he was to me.

–Lynn Webb

Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I am praying for you and Joy.

–Sandy Austin

Rest in peace dear cousin. Much love your cousin Larry

–Larry Cooper



Keeping your sweet family close to our hearts and in our prayers. Sending you lots of love. We love you Mrs. White!

–Shane, Suzane and Jackson



Our family is thinking of you all during this time of great loss. Especially sending hugs to Debbie, Joy, Brad, and the girls. We love you all and pray for peace during this time



and in the days to come.

–Amanda Young and family

Debbie, Joy and family, we are so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. What a great homecoming awaits him. We can only imagine! Praying for comfort for you all. Hugs and love to you!

–Tracy and Laura Crawley



Sweet Pastor Ron. You will be missed. You have my permission to take every Wednesday off! We love you and your family and our prayers are lifted high.

–Lisa McGinnis



–Sheila Carswell

Debbie, I am so sorry to read of your great loss. He was a joy to know, and one of my favorite pastors during the time I worked at the Association. May our Lord fill your heart with many precious memories to sustain you in the coming days.

Love, Judy Norville

–Judy Norville