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Linda Ann (Oliver) Cooper, age 81, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025, surrounded by the love and prayers of her family. Born on July 14, 1943, in Beaumont, Texas, Linda was the only daughter of Lee Oliver and Eleanor (Wright) Oliver.

By the age of two, her family moved to Drumright, Oklahoma, where her father eventually owned and operated the local Texaco gas station and her mother would help establish a local church.

With parents who were gifted musicians as well as songwriters, Linda naturally inherited their musical talent. She became an accomplished pianist and often accompanied her parents in church. This gift would go on to play a meaningful and lasting role throughout her life.

It was in Drumright she met the love of her life, James Lowell Cooper, Jr, and they married shortly after Linda's high school graduation on June 30, 1961. They spent the next three years in Stillwater, Oklahoma, while James attended Oklahoma State University on a basketball scholarship, playing under legendary coach Henry Iba.

After James earned his diploma from OSU in 1964, he and Linda entered into ministry together, serving in Drumright, Jamaica, Suriname (South America), and McAlester, Oklahoma.

Their pioneering mission work in Suriname was especially impactful, marked by the founding of a Bible training center that equips local Surinamers-many of whom went on to establish more than fifty churches throughout the country. These churches remain active and thriving to this day under the capable leadership of Surinamers. Several graduates have also gone to other mission fields in Curacao, Bonaire, Aruba, French Guyana, Holland, Germany, Africa, India, and the USA.

Though Linda did not have children of her own, she poured her love and care into countless others. While serving in Suriname, she and James welcomed their son Stuart into their family-he



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remained her pride and joy. The couple also opened their home to many single young women, offering guidance, mentorship, and a Christ-centered example that shaped their lives in lasting ways.

Linda lived a life marked by purpose, quiet strength, and unwavering faith. Her love for Jesus was demonstrated in her life of service to others. She was a steady and faithful presence beside James throughout their decades of ministry. While her husband was often the visible face of their ministry-traveling, preaching, and leading with a vibrant presence, Linda found joy serving outside of the spotlight. She was not only found at the piano, cultivating a worshipful atmosphere, but also supervised the kitchen at the training center and was known for being a hard worker. James once said they had lived in hard conditions, but she had never complained to him.

Her passion for music extended into teaching, nurturing the next generation of aspiring musicians. Like her parents, she even wrote some songs of her own. In addition to her musical abilities and love for worship, Linda was an exceptional cook and extremely hospitable, welcoming many ministry leaders from around the world into her home throughout the years.

Linda is survived by her beloved son, Stuart Wongobe and wife Linde; grandchildren Jeannet, Simone, Jim, and Anne-Karen and 8 great-grandchildren; her brother, Chester Oliver and wife Maureen; nieces Cindi Scott, Carey Spoon, and Kimberly Tomlinson and their families; nephew, Jadan Oliver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother, David Oliver. A celebration of Linda's life will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 11:00a, with a reception following. All who knew her are welcome to attend and honor her beautiful legacy.

Linda will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Her life was a gift to all who knew her, and her memory will continue to inspire love, resilience, and grace.

Linda's legacy lives on in the many lives she touched, the young women she guided toward Christ, and the family she loved so deeply. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her as a mentor, sister in Christ, colleague, and friend.

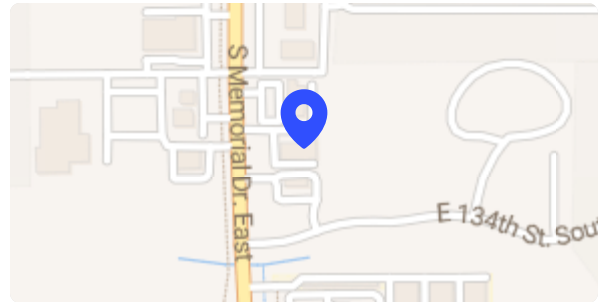


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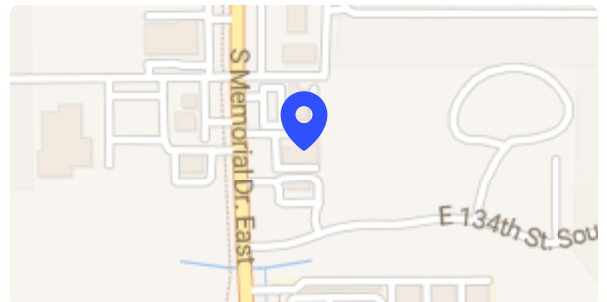
Visitation

- Thursday**, June 26, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- RiverCrest Chapel and Event Center**
13329 S. Memorial Dr., Bixby OK 74008



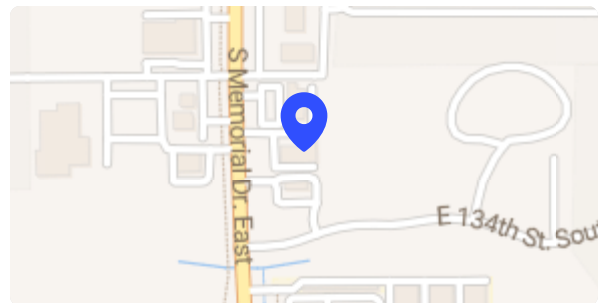
Funeral

- Thursday**, June 26, 2025
- 11:00 AM CT
- Rivercrest Chapel**
13329 S. Memorial Dr., Bixby OK 74008



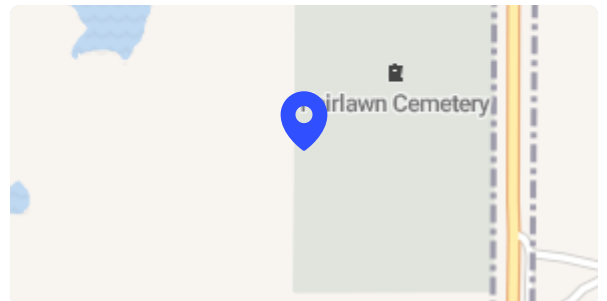
Reception

- Thursday**, June 26, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
- RiverCrest Chapel and Event Center**
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Graveside

- Thursday**, June 26, 2025
- 2:30 PM CT
- Fairlawn Cemetery**
3700 N. Little, Cushing OK 74023





Tribute Wall

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June 25 at 11:27 AM



Alisha Cort-Rahaman June 26 at 7:15 AM

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Jim Wongobe June 26 at 5:21 AM

Dear Grandma, You were such a kind, caring, and warm-hearted grandmother—someone we could always count on, who made everyone feel cared for and at home. We always cherished our time together during sleepovers and eagerly looked forward to your visits. Beyond being a loving grandmother, your love for God was evident to all. It shone through in the way you treated others—with compassion, selflessness, and grace. I will miss you deeply, Grandma. I am thankful for the example you set for us and for the love you planted in Dad's heart—love that continues to shine through him today. To dear Brother and Sister Oliver, Steve & Carey and family, Cindy and Kimberly and family, and to all who knew Grandma—our heartfelt condolences. May you all carry with you the beautiful and blessed memories of her life. We will miss you, Grandma. With love, Jim & Charlotte, Jesslyn, James, and Joy Wongobe



Winston And Marnie posted:

De uitvaartdienst van zuster Linda was zo ontroerend. Het was zo mooi om de anekdotes uit haar leven te horen, dingen die we nog nooit hadden gehoord. Ik vind het zo jammer dat we er niet bij konden zijn. Een geloofsheldin is naar huis gegaan. De geschiedenis zal ons laten zien welke invloed James en Linda hebben gehad en welk verschil ze hebben gemaakt in het leven van zovelen en in zoveel kerken. Uit het werk dat deze twee mensen hebben gedaan, is ons leven (Winston en Marnie) en onze roeping naar Duitsland voortgekomen, en zo is ook de Oase Church - Kirche in Kastellaun, Duitsland, een deel van hun nalatenschap! We zijn voor altijd dankbaar! Well done! Well done! Well done!

June 29 at 6:07 AM



Haidi Elisabeth Tjong-A-Jong June 29 at 10:57 AM

Amen, well said.



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PH

Phillyfreedrik posted:

I thank God for sister Linda Cooper. She was as a mother to me and a great example in her love for the Lord Jesus! My condolences, brother and sister Oliver and children. She is with her Lord!- PhillyFreedrik.

June 26 at 7:11 AM

EE

Elma Easton June 26 at 9:28 AM

We all from Hauraruni do share your loss. 🙏

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Elma Easton June 26 at 9:26 AM

My family and I do send our sincerest condolences to brother and sister Olover at the passing of our dearly beloved Sister Linda Cooper. We rejoice knowing to absent in the body is to be present with the Lord her Saviour. May her soul rest in peace. Sister Elma Easton and the entire Hauraruni Community join in sending our condolences.

MJ

Merina Jessamy posted:

Today I join to pay my last respect to a wonderful woman and sister in Christ. Sister Linda Cooper. My life journey changed because of her service to the Church Community at the Saamaka village of Futunaakaba, Republic of Suriname. She was a woman of resilience, very caring, compassionate and supportive. As I reflect on her life, I am encouraged to have been a witness of how she applied her faith in her every day walk with God. Thank you, Sister Cooper, for your love and unwavering dedication. Your obedience to the calling of God on your life has touched many lives and impacted generations. You ran your race with dignity, respect and love. Thank you for your exemplary service. To God be the glory.

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June 26 at 5:51 AM



Sam And Lenie Josafath And Children sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooper family.



June 25 at 11:11 PM



Patricia Watson posted:

My condolences to her brother Chester and wife Maureen Oliver and their Children and there families. Also to Stuart and his Families I am sorry for your loss .I Thank God for the opportunity I had in life to meet Linda Cooper for all the years of her kind and gentle spirit and wisdom and example of a woman who loved Christ more than life self. As a young woman I moved into her home and she poured into me how to serve and pray and live for Christ not by word alone but by example .I have very fond memories of her to many to write down .she thought me how to play the piano and also the accordion we would spent countless time me sitting next to her singing as she played the piano . I am a better person because of the footprint she made in my life and have learned from her how to love and to be a servant unto God .May you rest from all your labor and recieve from Him your reward .I will always cherish your memory .Patricia Watson

June 25 at 3:34 PM



Barbara Monroe And Friend Margaret sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cooper family.



June 24 at 1:37 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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