



## Dr. William Hooper

September 16, 1931 - March 23, 2021

Dr. William "Bill" Hooper, 89 of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Mercy Hospital Springfield.

William Loyd Hooper was born on September 16, 1931, the son of George Hooper and Mary McNabb Hooper. His early years were spent in Bolivar, MO. Bill was eleven years of age when he was saved and baptized into the First Baptist Church of Bolivar, MO where he served as Senior Adult Pastor from the Spring of 1999 to 2017. He was married to Doris Wallace Hooper, who preceded him in death in 2011. To this union was born William Loyd Hooper, JR. and Carol Ann Cooper.

He graduated from Southeast High School, Kansas City, MO; Southwest Baptist College (now Southwest Baptist University) in Bolivar, MO; William Jewell College in Liberty, MO with a BA degree; the University of Iowa with the MA degree; and Peabody College of Vanderbilt University with the PhD Degree. Post-doctoral education included composition study with Humphrey Searle at the Royal College of Music, London, and pastoral counseling at the Westminster Pastoral Foundation, London. Academic awards include the David Alan Duce Award in Philosophy at William Jewell College, a graduate assistantship at the University of Iowa, and a Jesse Jones Scholarship at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Bill's Pastoral experience includes First Baptist Church, Picher, Oklahoma; Denver Baptist Church, Denver, MO; First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tennessee; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend, Kent, England; and First

Baptist Church, Bolivar, Mo. He also ministered in Zambia and in Brazil. Primarily a teacher, Bill taught K-12 music in Essex, Iowa and Atalissa, Iowa; professor of voice at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary; Head of Music at Newstead Woods School for Girls in the London Borough of Bromley, England; and Dean of Fine Arts and Professor of Music at Southwest Baptist University. Bill also served as baritone soloist with the choir of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Composing music began in high school and Bill has written many instrumental and choral compositions that have been published by Concordia Press, Broadman Press, Carl Fischer and Word Music. Incidental music was composed for the production of Anouhil's play "Becket" by Le Petite Theatre du Vieux Caree' in New Orleans. He won the Delius Composition Competition in 1973, the New Times Composition Competition in 1974, and the Missouri Composers Project in 2017. Hooper was also the author of ten books.

Bill is survived by his wife, Katherine Eddy Hooper; two sons, William Jr. and wife Nancy of Phoenix Arizona; and Donnie Eddy of Omaha, Nebraska; two daughters, Carol Ann Cooper of Rochester, Michigan and Nicole Eddy of Omaha, Nebraska; one brother, David McNabb Hooper and wife Carol of Kansas City, Missouri; five grandchildren, Nathan, Natalie, Sarah, Claire and Kate; and three great grandchildren, Samus, Laura and Anna.

A memorial service will be held 1:00PM Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Bolivar, MO. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar, MO.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. 225 n. Michigan Ave., Fl.17, Chicago, Il 60601, or on their Web page. <https://www.alz.org/research>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
316 N. Main  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Hooper*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Dr. William Hooper*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *On behalf of of the Rowland family:*

*We remember with great happiness the years Bill, Doris, Bill Jnr and Carol-Ann spent at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend, firstly as Minister of Music and then as our Pastor. They slipped in the “British way of life” with ease and we grew to love them both as a family and as friends. Bill was a man of many gifts relating to both music and to people. He was humble, gracious, friendly and an encourager. We include the words of one of our past friends and a church member. “He was the most mature man I have ever known.” The words when our son was dedicated and which we now relate back to Bill - “There never has been, is, or will be anyone quite like you” Thank you Bill. Well done - a good and faithful servant.”*

*Love*

*Pauline, John, Claire and Mark*

Carol Ann Cooper - March 28, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JR

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**John Rowland** - March 28, 2021 at 02:34 AM

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*John, Pauline, Claire and Mark Rowland*

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**John Rowland** - March 27, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Hooper.*



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March 26, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Hooper Family. Met Bill Hooper Senior and Doris and their two adult children Bill Junior and Carol Ann. They welcomed me into their family and I because like their second son. Bill Junior and Bill Senior helped us as a family with our move from Zimbabwe to Canada. We will always remember Bill, loved to joke and to laugh, he will be missed. But we know we shall see him again when the Lord Jesus returns.*

*Rest in peace Bill.*

*Our love and prayer to Kathy, Bill and Carol and the whole family.*

*Dzengo, Faith, Jonathan and Christine.*

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**Dzengo Mzengeza** - March 25, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William Hooper.*



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March 25, 2021 at 04:30 PM

HF

“ *Helen Gill and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. William Hooper.*



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**Helen Gill and family** - March 25, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Hooper.*



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March 25, 2021 at 08:51 AM

 Karen Hooper

“ *I loved you so much Grandpa, and I want to thank you for all the encouragement you gave to me throughout the years, you and Grandma were always there for me no matter the distance or time of day...I have also got so many fond memories of you with your Grandchildren...how you loved them so much. One memory comes to me right now is that when you came to visit in Phoenix, and we had a swimming pool, we told the children not to splash you as you had your hearing aids in, well what can I say...the next thing I know you are splashing them, so they splashed you right back.....thank you also for living your Faith in the Lord....though it is so sad that you are no longer with us, we know that you are in the Presence of the Lord, and continuing to make music for him...Thank you for being the gentleman that you were, there are so few of these good men today...Gone but never forgotten...*



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**Karen Hooper** - March 25, 2021 at 07:47 AM

CC

*Thank you, Karen. It's our choice to remember such wonderful moments that will not only get us through our grief right now but also can guide the way we treat others in the future.*

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**Carol Ann Cooper** - March 25, 2021 at 05:05 PM

LW

“ *Dr William Hooper was a huge influence in my life during my teenage and young adult life at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend, UK. I was part of the youth choir where I learnt so much about singing and music. Our joint cantatas with the adult choir were truly memorable. He had a kindhearted and nurturing approach to ministering to us and challenged us with his teaching. So many people have lasting memories and a close connection with the family. I, myself, cared for his eldest grandchildren many times and have a special friend in his daughter Carol-Ann. We married the same year and had our children at the same time despite being separated by the Atlantic Ocean by then.*

*I send my condolences to the whole family and pray that their memories of Bill bring them comfort, joy and strength in the coming days and for many years to come.*

*An incredible man of many talents, integrity, honesty and a true man of God. Rest in peace in the heavenly room that our Lord prepared especially for you Bill.*

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**Linda Whittingham** - March 25, 2021 at 07:19 AM

CC

*Thank you, precious friend! Carol*

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**Carol Ann Cooper** - March 25, 2021 at 05:02 PM

AS

*We will always have lovely memories of Bill and Doris when they were serving at Emmanuel Baptist Church.*

*Bill was a true gentleman, honourable, fatherly, loving and kind, and Doris was a loving wife and helpmeet to him and just so kind and nice to the membership. We were treated to wonderful music, and choirs from America, and our congregation was like a big happy family. We were blessed.*

*Bill is now with the Lord he loves, reunited with all that have gone before, and one day we will all meet again, and we shall sing praises with the glorious angelic choir.*

*We are holding the family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*

*In loving memory  
From Alan & Liz S.*

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**Alan & Liz S.** - March 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM

KC

“ *Kaye & J. C. Carlisle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. William Hooper.*



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**Kaye & J. C. Carlisle** - March 24, 2021 at 11:31 PM