



## Cooper David Pope

June 4, 1964 - September 12, 2024

Cooper David Pope, 60, was born June 4, 1964, in Hammond, Louisiana. He passed away on September 12, 2024, at his residence in Laurel, Mississippi.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Sharon, located at 4375 Sharon Road Laurel, MS 39443. A Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Burial will immediately follow at Sharon Cemetery. Services will be officiated by Pastor Matt Olson and Brother Jeremiah Keyes. Memory Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cooper influenced the lives of many through his numerous years in the Education system. He was the Supervising Principal of West Jones High School for the past seven years and Northeast Jones High School for over ten years. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Mississippi College. He was a member of FBC Sharon, where he faithfully served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Small Group Leader.

Coop, as he was affectionally known by many, was a faithful husband to the love of his life, Francie. He treasured quiet nights sitting on the porch beside her. He was a devoted and loving father who always smiled when he talked about his kids, Kristen and Ryan. They were his pride and joy. The greatest passion of his life was sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ every chance that

he could.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifton David Pope.

He is survived by Francie, his wife of over thirty years; his daughter, Kristen; his son, Ryan (Nicole); his sister, Cassandra Short; his dad and mom, Albert and Faye Short.

Pallbearers will include FBC Sharon Deacons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FBC Sharon Building Fund.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Sharon  
4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

SEP **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Sharon  
4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Although I haven't seen Cooper in many years, I was shocked to hear of his death. My memories extend far beyond our West Jones' days. I remember the summer after his grandad, Poppa Short, passed away. I was so young, but I remember his funeral. I spent a week out there with him and his sister, Cassandra. I remember when his mother, Faye, was studying to be a teacher. She taught 30 years and has since retired. I remember Cooper and his sweet disposition. Just a real nice guy to be around. His parents are salt of the earth. So was Cooper.

*I have read most of the tributes to him. What stands out was his faith. He was a beacon to those who needed God in their lives. He was a true witness for the Lord.*

*The comfort here is knowing we will see him again one day when we go to Heaven. Until that day, may we rest knowing Cooper left this place much better than the way he found it. May the memories we have of him remain in our hearts forever. God speed.*

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**Charles W Gordon** - September 18, 2024 at 09:36 AM

AC

“ annah cate💎💎 sent a virtual gift in memory of Cooper Pope



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**annah cate**💎 - September 18, 2024 at 12:11 AM

ME

“ Moselle Elementary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cooper David Pope.



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**Moselle Elementary** - September 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM

ME

“ Moselle Elementary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.

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**Moselle Elementary** - September 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM

AP

“ Cassandra and family, we are so sorry for your sorrow at the passing of your brother. May God comfort your hearts as only He can.  
*Bro Aaron and Jeanne Parker*

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**Aaron and Jeanne Parker** - September 17, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DN

“ Truly a special person. Praying for his family and friends. I hadn't seen Cooper in many years. The memories I had of him were all of a sweet, caring young man. I was friends with his cousins the Kirk's growing up and we played and had good times at their house growing up. As an adult I remember telling my sister to go talk to him about the difficulties my niece Sydney Holifield was having at West. She had a heart transplant as a baby and no short term memory and had had cancer several times while at West. Her only thing she had ever asked for was to be able to graduate high school. She was having problems with one class teacher and I told her mom to talk to the new principal Cooper that he would give her a fair shot. He did. He handled the situation and she got to graduate. When I told them he passed that is what Sydney said 'He helped me. I liked him.' He was a good Christian man who helped so many and truly made a difference in the lives of those around him. What a legacy to leave behind. He was a part of my graduating class and you will only hear good memories of him from them too. Again prayers for you, his family and may God give you peace until you see him again. The world lost a good man and ambassador for the Lord.

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**Duja Newcomb** - September 17, 2024 at 10:59 AM

AJ

“ Cooper was the best of the best. He truly loved his students. He took care of Seth and Bailey Johnson while they were in school at Northeast. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. Heaven gets sweeter all the time. Angela Johnson

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**Angela Johnson** - September 17, 2024 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ I attended Mississippi College with Cooper when he was a football player and I was a volleyball player. He was beloved by his teammates and respected by everyone on campus who came into contact with him. Years later when I would see him at reunions at Coach John Williams' house, he was warm and kind. To his wife and children, his parents and family: I am so sorry for this terrible loss. Although his Earthly life is over, his legacy of love and leadership will live on in those he influenced.

*Dr. Janey Mattina, Biloxi, MS Mississippi College Class of '91*

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**Janey Mattina** - September 16, 2024 at 08:43 PM

CM

“ Christina McCann, Class of 2015 at Northeast Jones High School. I thank God for the years I got to spend with Mr. Pope and the positive light he shed upon all of his students. He will truly be missed and the memories we have will be greatly cherished. My sincere condolences to his family. May God be with you all in this trying time. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal! The McCann family loves you Mr. Pope and may you Rest in Peace 🙏

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**Christina McCann** - September 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.



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September 16, 2024 at 04:37 PM

BF

“ Brennan Wade Class of 2025 & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.

Brennan Wade Class of 2025 & Family - September 16, 2024 at 04:37 PM

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“ The NEJ Class of 2009 would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the Pope family. Cooper Pope made a great impact in all of our lives. You all are in our prayers.



NEJ Class of 2009 - September 16, 2024 at 02:36 PM

TR

“ The Romano Family and Dee Romano purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Cooper David Pope.



The Romano Family and Dee Romano - September 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM

ST

“ I'm so sorry to hear this about my friend Cooper. I had the privilege of working with him in education for several years Cooper was so dedicated to his family, school, and God. I will surely miss him. Prayers for each of his family members. 🙏

Steve Thrash - September 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM

JW

“ I had the opportunity to work with Mr Pope at Northeast Jones High School and he was a very nice person and I am going to miss him

Jeremy Walters - September 16, 2024 at 08:30 AM

BW

Mr. Pope was one of the most caring individuals Jeremy and I have ever known. His life was dedicated to God, family and students. He was a true friend to Jeremy and countless others. He was an advocate if needed. He is most appreciated by us. Jeremy's love for Mr. Pope is everlasting. You will be missed greatly, until we meet again.

Becky Walters - September 17, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MA

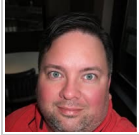
“ Cooper was a genuine Christian. His love for Christ overflowed into his family, his work, and the church. Cooper has left a legacy and a challenge for us all. To be true Christian men and women and share the gospel. Thank you Cooper Pope. We will see you soon.

Matt - September 16, 2024 at 04:27 AM

KA

“ Mr. Pope truly blessed me and my mom. He prayed with her in his office many times and is the reason I am walking across the stage in May. He truly showed me what a man of God looks like and showed me what a true Christian should act like and how to do things as one. My heart goes out to his wife and children. Until we meet again  
Xoxo- Kynlie

Kynlie Anderson - September 15, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ *Jeremy Malone lit a candle in memory of Cooper Pope*



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**Jeremy Malone** - September 15, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.*



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September 15, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Graves Maxwell & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.*

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**Graves Maxwell & family** - September 15, 2024 at 06:04 PM

PH

“ I don't know a more Godly man than Mr.Pope.. He always asked about each person and made them feel like family. He remembered every name of each person and always was for his school students. Even after we graduated.. He ALWAYS lifted high the name of Jesus and put God first. He always had prayer before every event no matter any criticizing. He backed up everything that had to do with Jesus in and outside of school. I love you Mr. Pope and thank you for being a true example of Jesus in your walk with Him. Thank you for all your help with school and even opportunity with reaching out about job wise. No greater Godly principal.



Phebe - September 15, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.



September 15, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.



September 15, 2024 at 02:24 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to your family. Cooper was such a wonderful person that had a smile for all. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. God bless all of you.

Shirley A. Sellers - September 15, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.



September 15, 2024 at 12:46 PM

FA

“ From Chip, Shena, Alyssa, and Ann purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Cooper David Pope.



From Chip, Shena, Alyssa, and Ann - September 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM

FA

“ From Chip, Shena, Alyssa, and Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.

From Chip, Shena, Alyssa, and Ann - September 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Two Coopers



Alex Pope - September 15, 2024 at 09:48 AM



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Alex Pope - September 15, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Buddy, Vickie and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Cooper David Pope.



Buddy, Vickie and family - September 15, 2024 at 02:09 AM



“ Buddy, Vickie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.

Buddy, Vickie and family - September 15, 2024 at 02:09 AM

JW

“ John, Carolyn, Brian, Cat, Melissa, & Will purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cooper David Pope.



John, Carolyn, Brian, Cat, Melissa, & Will - September 15, 2024 at 01:50 AM

JW

“ John, Carolyn, Brian, Cat, Melissa, & Will planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cooper David Pope.

John, Carolyn, Brian, Cat, Melissa, & Will - September 15, 2024 at 01:50 AM

CC

“ Mr. Pope was the most caring and Godly man I have ever known. I wish I would have gotten one more hug from him on Wednesday.

Chassity Corkern - September 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM

BT

“ Mr. Pope was the epitome of a Christian husband, father, son, and friend. We will meet again soon. 🙏

Becky Thrash - September 14, 2024 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ I'd walk a mile for a hug and smile from Mr. Pope. He was the absolute best! May he rest in love.



Sharmaine Strickland - September 14, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cooper David Pope.*



September 14, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Katonna dial lit a candle in memory of Cooper Pope*



**Katonna dial** - September 14, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *Mr pope is a great man and he will be missed by everyone*

**Katonna dial** - September 14, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ *I remember growing up with Cooper at Sharon. Every time I would see him no matter the place, he would always say; hey Cheryl Jo with a big smile and a hug. He was a great Leader, Friend and SS Teacher. He loved Jesus and it really showed in everything he did in life. He will surely be missed.*

**Cheryl Miller Riley** - September 14, 2024 at 05:10 PM



*I miss him so much*

**Katonna hammack** - September 14, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DH

*What a legacy Mr. Pope has left to remind us all how we should be so proud of our salvation. He truly was a blessing and leader in our community. Francie and children, I am so sorry for your loss .*

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**Deborah Haas** - September 14, 2024 at 10:08 PM

SD

*I had the pleasure of working with Cooper for about (5) years in Baton Rouge at Parkview Baptist School. Cooper was a caring, sincere, and genuine man, he always asked about you and cared about what was going on in your life. He had a great life perspective that came from his relationship with Jesus. We had a common love for sports, especially football, and a love for our family. I had hoped that our paths would cross again in the future to work together because I'm sure Cooper was a great person and leader. God bless & prayers for Cooper's family, he is at peace.*

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**Scott Dieterich** - October 23, 2024 at 01:59 PM