



Gerald Cooper

September 15, 1957 - August 21, 2007

Gerald Matthew Cooper, age 49 and a native of Independence passed away Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at his residence in Holden. He survived by his precious wife, Carolyn Cooper of Holden; two wonderful sons and one daughter-in-law, Sam and Nancy Cooper, Matt Cooper, all of Independence; two caring stepdaughters and their spouses, Rhonda and Marty Taylor of Elmore, OK, Shonda and Donald Campbell of Holden; loving brother and sister-in-law, Alton and Ouida Cooper of Walker; father-in-law, Huey Sykes, Sr. of Holden; two granddaughters, Destany and Alexis Cooper, both of Independence; eleven step-grandchildren, Krista and Kaley Paille, Jarolyn and Donnie Campbell, Brittany and BJ Duncan, Christy Wright, Damien Matone, Keisha, Shanna and Dana Taylor; three step great-grandchildren, Terrell Wright, Jr., Alasia Baker, Mariah Wright. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Nathalie Whiddon Cooper and one brother, Morris Ivy Cooper. Pallbearers will be Marty Taylor, Donald Campbell, Jeremy Cooper, Mike Hood, Randy Lachouta and Jay J. McDonald. Honorary will be Bobby Joe Maurer. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond on Thursday, August 23, at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, 6:00 ? 9:00 p.m. and again on Thursday beginning at 9:00 a.m. until Rev. Richard Wallace and Rev. Dan McMasters conduct the funeral service at 11. Interment will be in Lighthouse Baptist Church Cemetery in Independence.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.