



## James N. Hooper

May 18, 1947 - June 5, 2026

James Neville Hooper, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and man of uncommon generosity and quiet strength, passed away on June 5, 2026, at the age of 79. Born on May 18, 1947, in New Amsterdam, Berbice, Guyana, James grew up in Guyana before emigrating to the United States, where he earned a Master's in Electrical Engineering from NYU Tandon School of Engineering and an MBA from Pace University, and built a life defined by family, faith, and service.

He spent his career in the telecommunications industry, retiring from Verizon in 2011 after nearly thirty years, where he played a pivotal role in the early engineering and deployment of Fios. But the truest measure of James Hooper was not found in any résumé — it was found in the way he showed up, completely and without hesitation, for the people he loved. He was the person you called with any question, and he would always make sure you were all set.

For nearly forty years, James was a cherished member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Teaneck, New Jersey, where he served with immense pride in multiple roles. His faith was constant and unwavering. Those who knew him well knew his phrase: "God is good." He said it often. He meant it every time.

James is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth; his daughters, Jonelle (Luan), Karel (Joseph), and Alina; his granddaughter, Olivia; his siblings, Leyland (Norma), Colin (Claudette), Cheryl (Joseph), and Cicely (the late John); his sister-in-law, Donnette; and a cherished circle of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Ellen, by his sister, Grace, and by his sister-in-law, Jean.

Contributions in James's memory may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ([stmarksteaneck.org](http://stmarksteaneck.org)) or to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

"Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

God is good.

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
118 Chadwick Rd.  
Teaneck, NJ