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Statement upon the death of Carolyn Miller-Cooper

The staff and board of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights join with the broader community in expressing our sadness in the death of Carolyn Miller-Cooper. She was the executive director of the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Human Relations Commission. She died Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, following a medical procedure, according to news reports. She was 51.

John J. Johnson, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, said:

“Words cannot begin to express our sorrow about the sudden loss of this dedicated social justice champion. Carolyn will be deeply missed as a friend and as a leader in Louisville and in the state of Kentucky. She has been unwavering in the fight for civil and human rights in this community for more than 18 years. She was highly respected by federal and other human rights colleagues throughout the nation. Her loved ones will be in my thoughts and prayers.”

She was inducted in 2014 to the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame by the Kentucky Human Rights Commission. She served as executive director of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission since 2008. Before that, according to news reports, she spent 10 years as assistant director of the same agency, which enforces Louisville ordinances that prohibit discrimination for the city and county. She was the president of the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Human Rights Workers. She was a member of the Kentucky and Louisville Bar associations. She received a law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law located in Lexington, Ky. She earned a Master’s Degree in Law from the McGeorge School of Law located in Sacramento, Calif.

According to a funeral home representative, visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. (EST), on Friday, Jan. 6, at the A D Porter and Sons Funeral Home located at 1300 W. Chestnut Street in Louisville, zip code - 40203. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. (EST), on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Evangel World Prayer Center located at 6900 Billtown Road in Louisville, zip code-40299. Please call the funeral home for any additional information at 502.587.9678.

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