



James William "Jim" Cook

July 2, 1937 - March 1, 2020

JAMES WILLIAM 'JIM' COOK

James W. Cook, 82, of Athens, Pennsylvania passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Athens Health and Rehabilitation Center, after a long period of declining health.

Born on July 2, 1937 in Waverly, NY. Jim was the son of Dr. Sidney Cook and Marion Keyser Cook of Monroeton, Pennsylvania. Jim graduated from Troy High School, class of 1954 and from Pennsylvania State School of Forestry in 1958. From Penn State University ROTC, he earned his Army commission as second Lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers. He served 8-years in the US Army and attained the rank of Captain. Upon completion of his service, Jim returned to Towanda and was employed for 2-years at GTE Sylvania as a Lab Technician. He then returned to Penn State University where he earned his education degree in 1970 with certification to teach general science / biology. Jim returned to Towanda and taught 7th and 8th grade science at the Towanda Middle School until his retirement in 1993. During his teaching career, he taught an individualized science instructional program in a laboratory environment. Jim also taught Military History as part of the student activities at the Middle School.

The organization and displays at the Annual Middle School Science Fair was an event Jim was very dedicated to. He raised funds for the awards and took great pride in the students' science-based research and entries.

Jim worked as a Deputy Game Protector for many years through which he taught hunter safety courses. He also enjoyed volunteering at the food pantry in Wysox after his retirement. He was a volunteer fireman for many years for the Monroe Hose Company in Monroeton.

Jim served as a board member at the Red Rock Job Corps Center as a member of the Community Relations Committee that assisted students in interaction with community members and fund raising for special projects at the center.

Other affiliations included a 60-year membership of Evergreen 163 F. &A.M. Lodge in Monroeton, Pa. Jim was a 54-year member of the American Legion. For many years he served on the Military Funeral Honor Guard. His precision and dedication to presenting the American flag to family members during military funerals was an honor for him.

One of Jim's greatest and most enjoyable project was recycling aluminum cans that he started for the Kiwanis organization and ultimately for the 40&8 Veterans' Organization. The scholarship funds from the recycling were awarded to eligible nursing school students for their education.

Jim is survived by his wife Joan Cook of 38-years. Favorite trips included summer vacations in Maine and traveling to Montana to visit a long-time friend of Jim's. Over the years, Jim enjoyed camping and taking summer courses at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Jim's hobbies included model railroading and setting up Christmas villages and scenes with Department 56 buildings and figurines. Christmas was his favorite time of the year.

Jim is survived by his children Michael (Trinity) of South Carolina, Patrick (Cheryl) of Colorado, step-son Gregory Hughey (Jennifer) of Athens, and step-daughter Doreen Robie (Dale) of Savona. He is also survived by four grandsons, Robert Cook, Kyle Cook, Dalton Robie (Alison) and Mason Hughey. He has four granddaughters, Amanda and Jennifer Cook and Kayla and Sophia Hughey. Three great grandchildren reside in Colorado. Jim is also survived by his brother, Dr. Thomas Cook of Fairfield, Ohio and several nieces

and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Sidney Cook and Marion Keyser Cook, a grandson, Derrick J. Robie, and sisters-in-law Lois Cook and Geneva Cook.

The family will receive friends at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home at 217 York Avenue, Towanda, PA from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 5, 2020, with the funeral service immediately following the visitation at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Monroeton, PA cemetery with military honors accorded, immediately following the funeral service. A time of remembrance and lunch will follow.

Contributions in James W. Cook's memory may be directed to the Monroe Hose Company, 8958 Burlington Turnpike, Monroeton, PA, 18832 or to the Animal Care Sanctuary, PO Box A, East Smithfield, Pa. 18817.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Monroeton Cemetery

100 Berwick Drive
Monroeton, PA 18832

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James William "Jim" Cook*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *James William "Jim" Cook*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *James William "Jim" Cook*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *James William "Jim" Cook*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *James William "Jim" Cook*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - March 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM

DF

“ *Joan and family, I am so very sorry for your loss and I am praying for peace for you as you heal from your loss. Love in Christ - Debbie Fairchild*

DF - March 06, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mike, Pat and Dori,*

Jim was a great man and a wonderful teacher. He was a great source of laughs and his sense of humor was out of this world. I still have fond memories of our cabin years and the summers spent there. Sending prayers to you all in this difficult time.

Tammy Harris Howard

Tammy Harris Howard - March 06, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Cook family. Jim was a dear friend and we shared many great times together. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered.*

Lyall Harris and Family

Tammy Harris Howard - March 06, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DC

“ *Donna Camp lit a candle in memory of James William "Jim" Cook*



Donna Camp - March 05, 2020 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ You were a great teacher and fireman you'll be greatly missed R I P fly high.

Donna Camp - March 05, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BA

“ Joan and family,
My condolences to you and your family for your loss. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.
Barb Angelo, Waverly

Barb Angelo - March 04, 2020 at 10:55 PM

CR

“ One of my favorite teachers of all time. And never forget all the times in monroeton and old home days

Chris Roof - March 04, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of James William "Jim" Cook.



March 04, 2020 at 02:01 PM

DH

“ Donna Ellis Heath lit a candle in memory of James William "Jim" Cook



Donna Ellis Heath - March 03, 2020 at 12:57 PM

MW

“ *Joan and family My heartfelt sympathy on your loss. My prayers are with you during this time. Mary Kay Ward, Monroeton*

Mary Kay Ward - March 03, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I knew Jim from teaching in the Towanda School District and he was one of my son's favorite teachers. After he retired, we would often see him in various places and he treated us like long lost friends. We loved his sense of humor. I didn't realize that he had such a unique life in that he was always learning and had such varied experiences. He will be missed.*

Catherine Silverstrim - March 03, 2020 at 08:41 AM

CC

“ *Corlis and Jim Campbell purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of James William "Jim" Cook.*



Corlis and Jim Campbell - March 02, 2020 at 10:30 PM

LV

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the family.*



Lorinda Vanderpool - March 02, 2020 at 08:25 PM