



Robert L. Cook, Sr.

January 26, 1917 - May 1, 2010

Mr. Robert L. Cook, Sr., age 93 of Salisbury passed away at his residence on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Born January 26, 1917 he was the son of the late John Henderson Cook and Myrtle Stoner Cook. He was educated in the Salisbury Schools and attended Catawba College in Salisbury.

Mr. Cook was the owner and operator for over 65 years of J.H. Cook & Sons, Inc., a wholesale shoe repair supplier. A lifetime Methodist, he belonged to Park Avenue Methodist Church and later First United Methodist Church. Mr. Cook served as a trustee at both churches. He was also a member of the Salisbury Kiwanis club and a Mason for over 50 years.

Mr. Cook was devoted to his family. He was adored by all his children and grandchildren. His greatest joy was to be surrounded by those he loved. He blessed the lives of all he touched.

Mr. Cook was an avid traveler and enjoyed his vacation home in Blowing Rock, NC.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Camp Cook who died Dec. 14, 1997 and his second wife, Margaret Fraley Cook who died February 17,

2009 and also a brother, Curtis C. Cook. Surviving is a son, Robert "Bob" L. Cook, Jr. and wife (Sara D.) of Salisbury, a daughter Barbara Sue Cabbage of Hampton, Va., a step-son Dickie Fraley and wife (Sue) of Cleveland, NC, sister, Lavern Everett, of Staunton, Va., sister-in-law Elva Mae Cook of Quincy, Fla., four grandsons, Gary Cabbage (Kristen) of Leesburg, Va., Sam Cabbage (Amy) of Gaithersburg, MD, Allen Cook (Michelle) of Salisbury, John Cook (Susannah) of Columbia, SC, and a step-granddaughter Kimberly Redmon of Rockwell. Also surviving are 8 great-grandchildren and one great-step grandchild.

A Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church. The family will see friends following services in the church Fellowship Hall. A private burial will be held prior to the memorial.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church-Music Fund, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or to Catawba College, Music Fund 2300 W.Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Cook family. Online condolences can be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Robert Cook was a wonderful person, a friend of my youth as Barbara Sue and I grew up together. Robert seemed to make all things possible, and to do so with a smile and a dash of welcome common sense.
I send warm love to Barbara Sue and Bob and to the extended family.##imported-begin##Jane Freeman Crosthwaite##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Robert's passing. Your family will be in our hearts and prayers at this difficult time, but we know that he has been promoted to Glory is is with the Lord now. Robert was always such a delight to be around at the family reunions and we will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Kirk & Wanda Deese##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of you father Robert. My mother cared for him over the last several years and always had such nice things to say about Robert. I'll sure he'll be missed but never forgotten.

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great supporter of our industry. I am sure he was also a great father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was my father's favorite person in our industry, which says more than I can ever say. He will always be in my prayers.

Don Rinaldi##imported-begin##Donald Rinaldi##imported-end##

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“ Bob, although I have probably not seen you in over 40 years, I still have the vivid memories of us growing up together. I still have several photos of us Maupin-Heilig Avenue kids playing together and attending scout activities together.

I remember your dad and mother very well. You are fortunate to have had him to enjoy for so long.

You have my utmost sympathy in your loss. I would enjoy talking with you some time about our childhood experiences. Find comfort in the fact that your dad was such a fine man and you were able to enjoy each other for so long.

Jim Arey (770) 338-0638##imported-begin##Jim Arey##imported-end##

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