



Richard Eugene Cook

December 5, 1928 - June 25, 2024

Richard E. Cook, 95, of Wapakoneta, passed away peacefully at Wapakoneta Manor, June 25, 2024, with family at his side. He was born Dec. 5, 1928, in Auglaize Co., the son of Hugh and Gertrude (Schneider) Cook. On July 1, 1951, he married Leota Maxine Barrett, who remained his faithful partner for 55 years until her death in 2006.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Charlotte (Dennis) Stroh and son, Richard M. Cook. Also surviving are grandchildren, Tracy (Chris) Odom, Holly Frietas, Shannon (Tony) Hammond, Sean (Shelly) Stroh, Ben Cook, and Mandy Cook (Travis Wilson). He is also survived by 8 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Shirley Springer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Frederick Cook, his sister, Katherine McBride, as well as a daughter Karen Sue Cook Shriver and a granddaughter Kristy Shriver Bullington.

Richard was an avid baseball fan as well a great short stop and pitcher in his day. As an outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping from Maine to Colorado and Montana. He could be found walking bare fields near Wapakoneta in search of arrowheads and Indian artifacts. He was very knowledgeable about the Indian tribes of the area. In later years, he could be

found pitching horseshoes or playing dartball. Richard was a member of the BPOE, Lima Lodge #54. He graduated in 1947 from New Knoxville High School. He worked for New Knoxville Tile Co., New Idea, and Lima Locomotive Works. In 1957, Richard went to work at the Ford Motor Co., Lima Engine Plant as a machinist. He retired from after 37 years of service.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tues. July 2, 2024, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Melodi Hagen officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service, Tues. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church of Legacy Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Rich. The Cooks were neighbors of my family in Wapak. His son, Rick, was in my class, we were friends, so I spent a good deal of time down the street there, with Rick and another neighbor and friend, Jerry, who lived across the street.

Always kind and witty was Rich. I enjoyed being down there.

The last time I talked to Rich was 7 years ago. I know so because I had asked how old he was, he said 88, and I said how amazed I was at how well he was getting around. We walked with son Rick from his house to downtown Wapak to see the car show.

I know Rich was interested in cars, mechanics, carpentry and so many other things. I remember how neat it was to watch him pitch horseshoes, see the shoe spin around and open up right on the stake, consistently.

So many great stories, good times. I helped him on a couple home construction projects. A willing, patient teacher was Rich. Learned a lot.

My sincerest condolences to Rick, Charlotte and the rest of the family.

Mike Neumeier

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