



Donald Gerald Cook

March 7, 1948 - January 31, 2018

Donald Gerald Cook, age 69, of Kincheloe, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon, January 31, 2018, near Dafter, Michigan due to a car accident.

Don was born on March 7, 1948, in Vincennes, Indiana the son of the late Nobel and Crystal (Land) Cook. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Vincennes with the class of 1967. He married Janet Akre on November 7, 1970, at the First Baptist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Don served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He worked as an Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic in Tuyhoa, Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from Kincheloe Air Base in 1971. Later, he worked as a corrections officer at Kinross Correctional Facility and Lakeland Correctional Facility. Don was a member of Fundamental Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting and shooting guns. He was an all-around outdoorsman, who loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. Don loved pies and peach cobbler.

Don is survived by a son: James (Carla) Cook of Coldwater, MI; a daughter: Kelly Barnes of Louisville, KY; and four grandchildren: Nathan and Jacob Barnes, and Keegan and Nolan Cook. He is also survived by his sisters: Donna Neighbors and Cindy (Dan) Wood both of Indiana.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: Susie Bennett; and a grandchild: Janene Cook.

A combined funeral service for Don and his wife Janet will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at Fundamental Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. Friends may call at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be left to Maplewood Baptist Academy or Canaanland Bible Camp.

Tribute Wall

NC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don and Janet's passing they were wonderful people! Sending prayers to their family! ❤️

Nicole Caswell - February 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We were so shocked to hear this sad news. Mike was in the ham radio club with Don. We want you all to know that our prayers are with you in the days ahead. God be with you.

Mike(KC8PMG) and Janet Murray - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Was so shocked when I saw the obituaries in the Daily Reporter. Don was a process server where I work, in Coldwater, for many years. We heard many stories from him through the years. Such a tragedy. So sorry for your losses.

Tracy Sharp - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am so saddened by the passing of Don and Janet. I worked with Don at Camp Branch. Don was a fun person to be around as he would always say " enjoy today because tomorrow could be worst" I remember Don stopping by one day to show his weather equipment, i dont know how anyone would fit into his Dodge pickup with all that stuff. I will miss both Don and Janet so the only goodbye I will say is "GOD SPEED MY FRIENDS GOD SPEED "

Larry Hartle - February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Janet and Don. I was so fortunate to have been blessed to be able to spend time getting to know them during a family trip to learn about my family history. Janet and Don spent many hours with us, showing us the research she had done. Don was so fun to talk to. He We had such a lovely trip in the UP and was looking forward to another trip. We are keeping the family in our prayers. May God wrap His arms around you during this time. Hugs and Love from your cousins from California- Thelma Akre Mullins- granddaughter- Doreen

Doreen B Fisher - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ so sorry for your lose steve and I worked with janet for many years at hi lex. she was a very good friend.

steve and gale godfrey - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Don was more than a dear friend to me, he was a brother in Christ and a fellow Veteran. Diana and I have enjoyed and thank the Lord for the time that we have had with Don and Janet. We're looking forward to meeting again in Heaven. Our deepest condolences to their family. May God give you comfort during this difficult time.

Michael and Diana Babcock - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are saddened by the sudden loss of two very important people in our lives, the parents of Jim, our beloved son-in-law. Don and Janet will be missed, not only by their immediate family, but by their extended family and all their many friends. Godspeed; we will never forget you.

Richard and Paula McIntyre - February 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Don, one of fondest memories of childhood is of helping you solder together tin cans in an attempt to make a rocket. As far as I know, it was never launched. Rest in peace my friend. and fellow veteran. I regret not keeping in touch over the years.

Ray Chanley - February 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM