



Carl Lewis Cook

November 3, 1928 - May 17, 2014

Carl L. Cook of Alexandria died suddenly on May 17th in the yard he loved tending. Born on November 3, 1928, he was the son of the late Arthur and Clara Cook of Kankakee, IL and the brother of Anita Kerschke, Arlene Breitbarth, Paul Cook and Glenn Cook, all of whom preceded him in death.

After serving in the United States Army in Korea, he returned to Kankakee where he met Priscilla Mensing, the new young teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School. The couple had their first date on January 8, 1959, became engaged on her birthday, April 8th, and were married on August 8th all the same year.

The Cooks left Kankakee to move to LaGrange, IL where their family grew with the births of their children. In 1966 they relocated to Alexandria.

Carl spent most of his career working for Sears until his retirement in 1989. In his retirement he was a devoted grandfather, avid gardener and all around handyman. He also spent many hours watching the Chicago Cubs and working on jigsaw puzzles.

Having been baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, Carl was an active member and supporter of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Alexandria, most recently serving as the driveway attendant for the school children.

In addition to his loving wife, Priscilla, Carl is survived by his children: Willner Cook & wife Marian Tran of Fairfax, Carolee Cook White of Herndon and Jean Westcott & husband Peter also of Herndon.

He leaves grandchildren Danielle Davis & husband Gene, Timothy, Matthew & Nicholas White and Emily & Erika Westcott, five step grandchildren & five step great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Lewis Cook*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Although distance has kept us apart, the family kinship is never forgotten. What a wonderful family man and Christian who has now been given his reward. My condolences to all of you out East and my prayers in your time of sorrow. Rejoice though as the resurrection song is being sung! Our hope is in the Lord!
Ben & Shelley Ernst and family back in Missouri*

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“ *Carl was a wonderful example of a humble and steadfast Christian man. We have been blessed through his time on earth, and we rejoice with you that heaven is now his home! With love and prayers for Christ's peace to surround your family and lift you up, Watson and Magdala Ray, Monica Ernst Trautsch and all our family*

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“ *Mr. Cook will be missed by all of us in the Immanuel Lutheran Community. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Cook and the family as you morn his loss.*

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“ *Such a wonderful husband, father, and friend! Always pleasant and caring. He will surely be missed!* ”

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“ *Mr. Cook reflected the love of God by his constant kindness and willingness to serve others. He will be greatly missed by the community at Immanuel.* ”

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