



Roger Lee Cook

February 24, 1946 - January 20, 2013

Roger Lee Cook, age 66, of 220 Mount Olivet Lane, Danville, VA, died Sunday, January 20, 2013 at Danville Regional Medical Center. He had been in declining health for 29 days.

Mr. Cook was born February 24, 1946 in Danville, Va. He was a son of the late John Allen Cook, Sr., and Opal Harris Cook. Mr. Cook spent his entire life in Danville and Pittsylvania County. He received a Bachelor's Degree in marketing from Virginia Tech and was employed by the Pittsylvania County School System where he taught at Tunstall High School for 37 years.

He served as the coach for twenty-six years for the Tunstall High School Girls Softball team, retiring in 2009. He had 488 career wins, the most wins in Tunstall history by any coach, the 2nd winningest Softball coach in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He won 19 district championships, 6 regional championships, held 3 State runner-up titles and was honored as District, Regional and State Coach of the Year. Roger was a devoted Father, Parent, Provider, Teacher, Coach, and Friend. He was also Honest, Loyal, and Steadfast. Mr. Cook was raised in State Line Baptist and attended Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church and Shermont Baptist Church.

On August 9, 1992 he married Wendy Bryant-Cook, who survives.

In addition to his wife, of the residence, he is survived by three sons, Brian C. Cook, and wife Teresa, of Ringgold, Stephen Sean Cook, and wife Melissa B. Cook, of Dry Fork, and Bryant Allen Cook, of the residence; a daughter, Shannon C. Snow, and husband Darrell, of Keeling; six grandchildren, B. Mackenzie Cook, Courtney Cook, Casey Cook, Hannah Cook, Lindsay Cook and Madison Snow; and two companions, Thomas and Jerry. He was predeceased by a brother, John Allen Cook, Jr. Roger Cook, liked by most, respected by all.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. from Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church with the Reverend Frederick J. Vicks, the Reverend Wayne Wallace and the Reverend Ryan Riley officiating. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening at the church from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and at the residence at other times.

Also, they suggest memorials to the Roger L. Cook Memorial Scholarship at the DCC Educational Foundation, 1008 S. Main Street, Danville, VA 24541 or to Gods Pit Crew, 2499 North Main Street, Danville, VA 24540.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Cook family

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Third Avenue Christian Church
3rd Avenue
Danville, VA

Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Third Avenue Christian Church
3rd Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

JS

“ John and I are keeping the Cook & Bryant family in our thoughts & prayers. God bless each of you & give you strength & comfort. Roger loved his family so much & he was proud of each of you. He will be sadly missed by his family & friends. Love, John & Teresa Sherrill



John & Teresa Sherrill - January 26, 2013 at 10:02 AM

TF

“ My heartfelt condolences are with the family in this time of sorrow. I pray healing and peace and soon with you as you learn to move forward without Mr. Cook's physical presence.

TONYA FULLERWINDER - January 23, 2013 at 11:20 AM

BB

“ Brandy Hiatt Bates lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook



brandy hiatt bates - January 22, 2013 at 04:45 PM

LB

“ There are no words to truly express what Mr. Cook meant to the girls he coached on the softball field. He taught us so much more than softball and will be greatly missed. I believe it was said best "He was loved by many, but respected by all!" Wendy, Bryant and family...my prayers are with you guys but be comforted by the fact that we will meet him once again and oh what a homecoming that will be!! Love you Mr. Cook!

Lindi "Brutus" Beamon

Lindi Beamon - January 22, 2013 at 04:19 PM

LH

“ Lauren Hudson lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook



Lauren Hudson - January 22, 2013 at 04:15 PM

MD

“ Mark Dodd lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook



Mark Dodd - January 22, 2013 at 04:14 PM

KC

“ *Brian, Shawn, and Shannon,
and families:
My sympathy goes out to you and I will never forget all the GOOD
MEMORIES your dad gave Stefanie and I as her softball coach.
Much love to you in the coming days, as I know he will be very
much missed.*

Karen Clayton

Karen G. Clayton - January 22, 2013 at 01:25 PM

LP

“ *So sorry to hear Roger passed he was a great teacher. Our
thoughts and prayers sre with you and the family.*

Lisa Phipps

Lisa Phipps - January 22, 2013 at 11:02 AM

SS

“ *Wendy and Bryant,
Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family's loss.*

Larry, Sheila & Dallas Smithers

Sheila Smithers - January 21, 2013 at 10:02 PM

GS

“ *George Schilbe lit a candle in memory of
Roger Lee Cook*



George Schilbe - January 21, 2013 at 09:44 PM

KC

“ Brian,
I remember when ya' ll lived on Ingram Rd & when I would come over and your dad rocking in that rocking chair." man he was hard on a rocking chair" You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers.

*Always,
Earl & Katina Clayton*

Katina Clayton - January 21, 2013 at 09:33 PM

JH

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE WHOLE FAMILY. MY HEART IS BREAKING FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DEAR HUSBAND . WAS ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE HIM AT THE CAR SHOWS. THAT'S GROVER PASSION ALSO OLD CARS AND HE ALWAYS TALK WITH HIM AT THEM..MY PRAYER IS THAT GOD WILL COMFORT YOU AND HELP YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD. GOD BLESS!!!!



JUDY AND GROVER HAYMORE - January 21, 2013 at 06:39 PM

JC

“ Wendy and Bryant, I am praying for you. So glad I was able to get to know Roger in the last year. He became very dear to me. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven.
I love you both, Janie Curtis

Janie C. Curtis - January 21, 2013 at 06:21 PM

WE

“ Wendy, you want know me but Roger and I played ball almost every day of our childhood. Baseball, football, basketball it didn't matter. I lived across the street in the brick house on the corner of Luna Lake Rd. Our games always included Johnny, his Mom song in the choir @ state line Baptist church, Allen his father was friends with my father "Cab" Edwards. Roger and I could always "talk" with Johnny and that made him feel part of what ever we were into that day. We were often not the best two young boys in church or in the neighborhood. I have not seen Roger since 1961 when I left home to join the Navy. I never go to Danville with out asking someone about Roger. I'm truly sorry he is gone as I was sure he would grow up to be a find person, teacher and coach and will be dearly missed by all who ever knew him. My prayers go out to you and your children @ this time of sorry.

Wesley Edwards

Wesley Edwards - January 21, 2013 at 05:40 PM

DS

“ Roger was a friend of mine for more than 50 years. His memory will live with me until it's my time to go. I'll miss you friend. To his family, I too, am heartbroken with our loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

David P. Cumbo, Sr.

David P. Cumbo, Sr. - January 21, 2013 at 05:25 PM

FF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Roger was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed.

Frances Epperson

Lori Ferguson

Frances Epperson and Lori Ferguson - January 21, 2013 at 04:23 PM

AM

“ Wendy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always cherish the memories of coaching against Roger. I always looked up to him and tried to learn as much about the game of softball from him as I could. May God bless you and the family.

Aubrey Myers
Gretna, VA

Aubrey Myers - January 21, 2013 at 12:51 PM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Brian & Teresa and the Cook family. So sorry to hear about Roger. He never met a stranger and was always smiling. Praying God will comfort you at this time and know he is in the presence of the Lord, and has no more pain or sorrow. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Michael & Janet Hall

Michael and Janet Hall - January 21, 2013 at 10:37 AM

JR

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Roger was a good man and a mentor for so many. He will be sorely missed. Bryant, you know where I am if you need me. Hugs and prayers.
Judy Reynolds

Judy Reynolds - January 21, 2013 at 10:21 AM

TI

“ My deepest sympathies to Wendy and the Cook family. Prayers to you all.

Terry Ingram - January 21, 2013 at 09:40 AM

BT

“A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are.” Anyone who played for Roger Cook knows exactly what this quote means. He had the ability to make you push yourself to limits emotionally and physically that you did not believe were possible and once you had achieved one level he would push you to the next. That shows not only the skill of a great coach but the heart of a great man with the ability to touch so many lives. Some of my best memories of high school are from playing and practicing on that softball field and I will never forget what an influence Mr. Cook played in those memories. My thoughts and prayers are with Wendy, Bryant and the rest of the Cook family. I am so thankful to have been blessed to have Mr. Cook as a part of my life.

Brandi Green Tweedy - January 21, 2013 at 07:40 AM

TC

“Chelsea and I are Praying for you all...”

Tammy and Chelsea Custer - January 21, 2013 at 06:52 AM

TC

“Tammy And Chelsea Custer lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook”



Tammy and Chelsea Custer - January 21, 2013 at 06:51 AM



“ *Cindy Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Lee Cook*



Cindy Walker - January 21, 2013 at 06:41 AM



“ *Cindy Tate Walker lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook*



Cindy Tate Walker - January 21, 2013 at 06:37 AM



My prayers to the family. Roger was a great teacher and an inspiration to his students.

Cindy Walker - January 21, 2013 at 06:40 AM



“ *Brandi McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook*



Brandi McDaniel - January 21, 2013 at 06:24 AM

AW

“ *Amy Wright lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Cook*



Amy Wright - January 21, 2013 at 01:50 AM

AW

Praying for the Cook families. I will dearly miss Roger but know I will see him, his parents (my adopted grandparents) and Johnny again. May God comfort all who knew him.

Amy Wright - January 21, 2013 at 01:55 AM

MP

“ *A great loss has happened. I am so very saddened by this news. Mr.Cook was a great teacher & Coach. Words can not make the hurt any less, but know that his memory will always be carried on in many hearts. May you find courage, strength and light in this darkest of time. Bless this family. Trojan Always! ?*



Michelle Pruitt - January 21, 2013 at 01:05 AM

JS

“ *To his family ,he will be missed ,he was my teacher in my junior and senior year ,great teacher ,and even a better person and a great coach ,my thoughts and prayers goes out to you all - GOD BLESS*

JEFF SPARROW - January 20, 2013 at 10:38 PM

SJ

“ YOU WILL BE MISSED U WERE A SUPER COACH AND A WONDERFUL TEACHER. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT U GAVE AND HELPED US ALL, WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU EVER!!! MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOUR FAMILY, AND YOU ALL WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS!!! RIP COACH COOK



SUSAN HAYMORE JEFFERSON - January 20, 2013 at 09:57 PM

R(

“ "Win if you can, lose if you must, but always cheat!" Mr. Cook couldn't cheat death, but he got another win because he knew Jesus as his savior! Praying for Wendy, Bryant, and family.



Rachel Turner McKinney (- January 20, 2013 at 09:32 PM

JA

“ Wendy and family,
God called another angel home. He needed a Head Coach for his Heavenly Angels Girls Softball Team and he was sure Roger was the best angel for the job. Roger was a BIG part of so many peoples lives and such a great influence on the students that were lucky enough to come in contact with him. We love you and we are here for you if you need anything.



James and Pam Adkins

James Michael Adking - January 20, 2013 at 09:01 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. Roger was a wonderful man and he will be truly missed by so many.
The Hash family

Denise Hash - January 20, 2013 at 08:54 PM

RS

“ Wendy,
So sorry to hear about Roger. My thoughts and prayers will certainly be with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Robin Shields

Robin Shields - January 20, 2013 at 08:25 PM

TC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Roger passing. He was a positive influence on many people's lives and especially to his family. May God bring you all comfort and peace during this difficult time. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
Tara Clayton



Tara Clayton - January 20, 2013 at 08:20 PM

RW

“ Wendy and family,

I'm so very sorry for your loss. The world lost a great man today but it was heavens gain. Praying for you all that God will give you a special peace and comfort.

*Love you,
Robin Wright*

Robin wright - January 20, 2013 at 07:50 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear about Roger. Our prayers are with all of you.

David & Joanna Willis

David & Joanna Willis - January 20, 2013 at 07:50 PM

WE

“ Roger was a GREAT GUY!!! Sports all the way!! Hugs and Prayers for all of you through this time!!

Wendy Eastwood - January 20, 2013 at 07:42 PM

CP

“ So sorry for your loss. Roger will be missed by many. May God give you strength through these times of sorrow.

Carolyn Bolden Powell

Carolyn Bolden Powell - January 20, 2013 at 07:37 PM



MF

“ Wendy, Bryant and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Cook's passing. I pray you find comfort in knowing that he is at home with his Savior.
Mr. Cook was such an amazing person, and he touched so many lives. As for me, I can say that he taught me a lot about respect, pride, and working hard at anything I did. He was and will always be a well respected man with a special place in my heart. I am so thankful to have played ball for him, been his student, and for just having known him.
Please know that my family and I are praying for you constantly.
Michelle (Mitchell) Freeman

Michelle Mitchell Freeman - January 20, 2013 at 07:35 PM

JT

“ Very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. May God be with you and help your broken hearts.

Jenny Toufas - January 20, 2013 at 06:49 PM

BC

“ Dear Wendy, Bryant, & Family

So shocked to learn of Roger's home going. It is a sad day for all who knew him but we know he is now at home with God.

I share the loss you feel and know that you all have great faith which will carry you through it all. If I can do anything for you, please let me know.

*Love you all,
Brenda Corbin*



Brenda D. Corbin - January 20, 2013 at 06:09 PM

TR

Shannon, Darrell, Brian, Theresa: Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Ginger, Tish, Makaila

Tish Randall - January 21, 2013 at 11:18 AM