



Gary Don Cook

September 26, 1953 - September 16, 2021

Gary Don Cook was born in Springfield, Missouri on September 26, 1953 to Sam and Louise Cook and passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Mercy Hospital with his family by his side. He was 67.

Gary was the youngest of five children. He attended all twelve years of school at Buffalo, graduating in 1971.

After high school he joined the Army serving in the 1st Battalion of the Airborne 509th Infantry as an Airborne Ranger, stationed in Vicenza, Italy. After his time in the Army, Gary worked for Kraft Foods for the next 34 years. In June of 1976 Gary married Gina (Wimberly). They spent 45 years together raising their girls and enjoying life with their precious family.

Gary had a special bond with his girls. He adored them. He never ended a phone call or let them walk out the door without saying "Love You, Proud of You."

He always looked forward to family time. He was a very devoted Husband, Dad, and Pa. His grandchildren were so very precious to him. He spent quality time with each one of them. They know they were loved.

Gary was a plain spoken man. He called it like he saw it. You knew exactly where you stood with him. He was known for his quick wit, and sense of humor. Our world will be forever changed by his passing.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, two Brothers: Sammy and Harvey Lee Cook; and his Mother and Father In Law Jim and Roann Wimberly.

He is survived by his Wife Gina, his Daughters and Sons In Law, Christa and

Chuck Davis, and Jessica and Nathan Stamburski, Grandchildren Austin Davis and Girlfriend Lexie Dill, Preston, and Grace Davis, his Sister and Brother In Law Mary and Ben Callahan, and a Brother and Sister In Law Mike and Glenda Cook.

Memorial Services for Gary will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, September 21, 2021 with Bro. Al Christian officiating in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home in Buffalo, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Don Cook

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Gary Don Cook

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Gary Don Cook

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Gary Don Cook

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Gary Don Cook

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Don Cook.



September 19, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Don Cook.*



September 19, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *I've known Gary since kindergarten....even before. I am saddened by his passing.*



Carol Banks - September 19, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss , may you find comfort in your memories and your family . Kathy & Beryl Cowan*

Kathy Cowan - September 19, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gary Don Cook.*



September 19, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JB

“ Jean Ann Bowman lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Cook



Jean Ann Bowman - September 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM

DW

“ Gary was so pleasant to work around. Such a hard worker. He thought so much of his family. Prayers for each of y'all at such a difficult time. 🙏

Dianna Woods - September 18, 2021 at 07:37 PM

WS

“ Wilma Slack lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Cook



Wilma Slack - September 18, 2021 at 07:24 PM

WS

Condolences go out to Gina and family at the loss of their loved one. May God bless.
Gary and Wilma Slack

Wilma Slack - September 18, 2021 at 07:26 PM

BS

“ Gary will be missed. He was so much fun and a loyal friend. He was great to work with and he was a devoted family man. I am thankful to have known him. His bless to Gina and the girls

Brock Sanders

brock sanders - September 18, 2021 at 04:54 PM

LS

I served with Gary at Ft Campbell and Camp Ederly Vicenza It.with the 101st. and the 509 th. Gary was a good friend and soldier and his dry wit will be a remembered.He is the last person who could recount my story of “Omar The Snake man” .Rest In Peace my Airborne Brother

Leroy Schaefer - September 19, 2021 at 02:20 PM