



James S. Cook

May 29, 1945 - May 4, 2023

James S. Cook Obituary

James (Jim) S. Cook, 77, of Grand Island, Nebraska passed away on Thursday, May 4th at CHI Health St. Francis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, May 11th at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Grand Island. Celebrating Mass will be Father Don Buhrman. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Wednesday with a Rosary at 7 pm at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Online condolences may be left at giallfaiths.com. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in St. Peter, Minnesota on Saturday, May 13th. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Navy and American Legion. Klein Funeral Home is entrusted with committal services.

Jim was born on May 29th, 1945 at St. Peter, Minnesota to Wilfred and Patricia (Stafford) Cook. He graduated from St. Peter High School, class of 1963. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy on July 12, 1963 and served his country until July 11, 1967. He served on the USS Intrepid during his time in the U.S. Navy. He was part of several historic events such as the recovery of the Gemini space capsule with astronauts Virgil Grissom and John Young on March 23, 1965. Jim also became the boxing champion for his weight class.

On August 17, 1968, he married the love of his life, Mary Jo Morgan. Jim

attended computer school and worked as a computer operator in Golden Valley, MN. They moved back to St. Peter and Jim attended Mankato State College. He went to work for Hiniker Company in 1970. Working as a sales representative for Hiniker Co. for 44 years, earning top salesman nearly every year he worked there. Jim finally retiring in 2014. His business was named, "Big Red Agri Sales, Inc."

Grand Island, Nebraska became their home in 1985. James was passionate about the Nebraska Cornhuskers. He loved playing golf, traveling to different States and golf courses. He loved hunting ducks at Swan Lake, fishing, spending time at their cabin with family and friends in Minnesota. Jim had his pilot's license and enjoyed flying his plane.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Mary Jo, children, Jamie Cook (Jeff) of Fall City, NE, Sean (Jennifer) Cook of Grand Island and Erin (Ashley) Cook of Grand Island, 10 grandchildren, a great granddaughter, and his brother Tom Cook of Pierre, SD.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Patty Pinske and brothers Harold and John Cook.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church
2410 S Blaine St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-4753

Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Cook*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of cousin Jim. Although older than me, I remember the good times gathering for Christmas and other special occasions. Those William and Pat boys always seemed bigger than life and we're the center of good times. It sounds like uncle Clem had an early influence on Jim as he did many of us. Cheers to a life well lived, condolences to his family, and may Jim rest in peace living you many fond memories.*

Richard Cook - May 11, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sympathy to Jo and family. Jim was one of a kind and I am glad I got to know him these past years. Enjoyed fishing trips to South Dakota and ice fishing on Lake of the Woods. Had many good times at Nebraska football games and tailgates if you were around Jim you were in for a good time. I will miss his wit and humor.*

Jack Sukovaty

jack sukovaty - May 10, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James S. Cook.*



May 10, 2023 at 10:29 AM

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“ *My condolences on the loss of a great man who raised two amazing men. Brandon Riley*

Brandon Riley - May 10, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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“ *Brandon, Wendy and Madison Riley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James S. Cook.*



Brandon, Wendy and Madison Riley - May 10, 2023 at 06:22 AM

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“ *The stories and memories we have on Jim, alias “The Captain” are infamous in our country. We initially met him - and all the Cook clan - at our family farm by Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan in the early 1970’s. They initially came to hunt Canada geese and upland game. More importantly, it was where the Martin and Cook families became the best of friends. The memories and photos of our hunts and family get-togethers would fill a book. We had so much fun together.*

We pray for Mary Jo, the family and the entire Cook clan and hope that the memories of Jim will sustain them today and tomorrow. With hugs and love from Michelle and I and our two children Boyd and Tara who so enjoyed and love to be with Jim and Mary Jo.

Brian Martin - May 09, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *My love and prayers are with the family. I remember Jim my fourth grade student at John Ireland School. Sister Patricia Frost, SSND (formerly, Sister Gilmory)*

Sister Patricia Frost (Gilmory) - May 09, 2023 at 09:20 PM