



Dr. John M. Cook

March 5, 2016

Dr. John M. Cook died peacefully at the Ohio State University Ross Heart Hospital on Saturday, March 5, 2016. He was born in Baltimore, Ohio, on February 16, 1915 to the late David and Grace (Lewis) Cook. He was preceded in death by his wife Nadine, in 1978, and his second wife Donna Crist, in 1993. He was also preceded in death by his five brothers and two sisters: Joseph, Lewis, Anna, David, William, Thomas Cook and Margaret Hunt. He is survived by his sons Bert (Beverly) Cook of Columbus and Charles (Sharon) Cook of Powell, Ohio. Also surviving are his grandchildren: Jan Cook (Dan Fox), Megan (Terry) Burns, Bryn (Charles) Haggins, Charles (Allison) Cook, John (Cheri) Cook, Elizabeth (Zack) Howard, Matthew (Raenee) Gross, and Marissa Gross, 12 great grandchildren, many beloved nieces and nephews, and dear friends Sharon Eubanks and Nancy Brammer.

John graduated from Otterbein College and Western Reserve Medical School, and was an Army medical officer in the Pacific during WWII. Following his discharge from the service he served as a physician and surgeon at VA hospitals in Indiana and West Virginia. He moved to Jackson in 1953 and joined the staff of the Oak Hill Hospital. After retiring from general surgery he continued his medical practice in Jackson until his retirement. He also served as Jackson County Coroner.

His energy, dedication to his profession, and love of life was evident for the many years he lived and worked in Jackson County. He was an avid golfer,

loved ballroom and square dancing, traveling, reading, and was a life-long learner. His later years were filled with weekly visits from his sons, and until recently, many dancing events with friends.

John was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Jackson and many professional and medical associations. He was a lifetime member of the Franklin Valley Golf Club, of which he was one of the original founders in 1964.

His life was a life well lived. He was a good and gentle man and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visiting hours will be held at Christ United Methodist Church from noon until 2 PM, on Saturday, March 12, 2016, followed immediately by the memorial service. Private interment will be in the Oak Hill C&M Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ United Methodist Church of Jackson, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are being handled by Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ My husband ,meet , Dr. John ,several year before me. But ,when he and I meet he ,had over heard my husband telling someone my birthday was Feb 16. Well Dr John came up to me a bit later and said " did I hear your birthday is Feb 16 ? I said yes. He said he never knew all his late 90 years of someone having the same day of birthday. Every since if we were at the dances together near our birthdays and a birthday song was played for him and me we always danced together. And as well other times during the years.

He was such a kind man and I know he loved to dance. To come from Jackson ,Ohio ,to Huntington ,WV most every Friday ,weather permitting haha Even ,at the last few times he came and he had low down a bit 100yrs old ,but ,He never missed a step .
I can say I truly loved Dr John Cook of the person he was .
R.I.P. Dr John.

Ronnie and Lana Rowe - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

CB

“ We were sorry to hear of Dr. Cook's passing. God certainly had granted him a long and productive life. We recently met a lady up Jackson way who told us Dr. Cook had delivered her son about 60 years ago. Surely, he changed the lives of many people for the better through his training and care.

My husband, Charlie, and I danced many years with Dr. John and his friends, and

Charlie shared the same birthday as Dr. John minus 25 years.

Dr. John was a gracious gentlemen and very good dancer.

We missed him and his traveling friends when he was no longer able to come to the local dances.

Our deepest sympathy to his family!

Charles and Isabelle Bonecutter - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

KO

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Cook's passing. Mom worked with him in his office in Jackson, then when he went to Oak Hill, she did as well and worked side by side with him for another 33 yrs. He was a great friend and will be sorely missed.

Kathy Skidmore Ohlinger - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

TA

“ Sorry to hear of Dr. Cooks passing. He was a kind and gentle soul and wonderful co-worker. I started my nursing career my junior year of high school and one of the first places I was sent to observe was Oak Hill Hospital. I was one of three of the nursing assistants in training from a local vocational school. I can remember him pulling up a step stool next to him in surgery and he said "This is your front row seat." I watched him preform surgery that day. He was a mentor, he loved to teach and I will never forget the kindness he showed a teenager learning the medical field.

Teresa Radabaugh Arrowood - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

NC

“ Sorry to hear Dr. Cook had passed. I grew up next door to him. He taught me to shoot a bow and introduced me to the world of computers. I mowed his grass and shovel ed snow for him. A great man, he will be missed.

Neal Cooper - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

KZ

“ I want your family to know just how devoted Dr. Cook was to his patients, however, I am sure that you have heard many stories. I was born and raised in Oak Hill and Dr. Cook was our family's doctor. My father Kenneth Swann passed away on Sunday, June 13, 1970 at home early Sunday morning. He was only 36. My mother was in shock, she was a stay at home mom with six biological children and in the process of adopting child number seven. Word traveled fast through Oak Hill of my father's death. Dr. Cook left church and came to our house to check on our family. He gave my mother some medication and set with her. These visits were repeated many times over the next few months. Without his support I do not know what my family would have done. I was only thirteen that summer but I remember his kindness. I have lived in Canal Winchester for the last ten years, I wish I had know that he was in the area so I could have told him how much his kindness helped a frighten teenager. I know that haven has gained an angel, however, he was also an angel on earth. May God give you strength during this difficult time. Thanks for sharing him with my family so many years ago. God Bless.

Kim Swann Zerkle - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ After being discharged from the Air Force in 1956, I practiced with Dr.Cook at Oak Hill Hospital.
He was the greatest doctor I ever worked with. Not only kind but compassionate and an excellent diagnostician & surgeon.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Sincerely, Dr. and Mrs.Claude Seth Hambrick M.D.

CLAUDE SETH HAMBRICK M.D - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DR

“ He was the first doctor my mom and dad took me to see!!! And he was the doctor that took care of me from the time I was little he had to give me several shots cause I was sick a lot, He would always have me a doll when I had to get a shot!!

Delilah Ralif - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DR

“ Chuck and Sharon, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of mourning, May God's peace provide you comfort. Paul and Sherri

Dr. Paul Ruff - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

BH

“ RIP Dr. Cook. We were neighbors back in the sixties and you served as me and my son Tim's doctor on many occasion. You were well loved and respected in the community of Oak Hill. Our condolences to your family. RIP

BJ McCorkle Hughes - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss, I knew Dr. Cook, as he practiced medicine with my father in Oak Hill for many years. I know he will be missed.

Barbara Jindra - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

KS

“ As the niece of Donna (Crist) Cook, I was able to see her and Doc "at their best", while in Oak Hill. Since Doc was her first and only marriage, I understood clearly that folks could most certainly be married post-70 years of age, and be truly happy. They were a classy couple, always showing style and grace. They seemed perfect for each other. Doc was always with her and supportive of her vast array of ideas, especially of her community efforts. When my brother and I were present, he included us and I felt like he felt we were HIS niece and nephew as well. Doc was one-of-a-kind, just like Aunt Donna. It does not surprise me in the least that he lived to the age of 101. Good bless him.

Kathy Jo (Crist) Schweitzer - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

LG

“ To all the family you were fortunate to have him with you for so long, he leaves a great legacy.

Leonard Gorsuch - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms, Dr. Cook... And Semper Fi. SIR

Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

MH

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Mary Hardwick - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Mom worked side by side with Dr. Cook for over 30 yrs. He was more like family.* ”

Kathy Ohlinger - June 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *an unforgettable dancer and friend who is my inspiration* ”

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