



## Donald Earl Cook

January 14, 1936 - February 17, 2011

Anderson-Donald Earl Cook passed away peacefully on February 17, 2011, at the age of 75, surrounded by members of his family and good friends. He was born on January 14, 1936 in Anderson, IN to the late Fred and Dorthea Cook. He passed away at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis due to a sudden illness. Don leaves behind a long and interesting legacy of service to many organizations and causes. He was a lifelong resident of Madison County where he was a 1954 graduate of Anderson High School. After high school, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1956, where he earned the rank of Petty Officer First Class. After Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, he then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1956 to 1969. Donald was a member of Saint James Lutheran Church in Greenfield. For the past 10 years, he was Chairman of the Anderson Friends of the NRA Banquet/Fundraiser and is an NRA Ambassador Member, due to his passion to preserve the Second Amendment. He was a Master Mason and Past Master at Ovid Lodge 164 F&AM where he was Mason of the Year in 1998. He was also a member of Madison County Shrine Club; Scottish Rite; National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Clarence Cook Chapter; Society of Indiana Pioneers; Alexandria Gun Club; Fall Creek Valley Conservation Club; American Trapshooters Association ATA; Madison County Historical Society; Indiana Historical Society; American Legion Post 117; Anderson Symphony Orchestra Former Board Member; and as a private pilot, he also joined the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association AOPA. He is the

former owner of Killbuck Valley Sports, which offered sporting goods, fishing tackle, and boats and motors. After that, he formed Don Cook & Associates, where he had a successful career as a cutting tool engineer. After retiring from cutting tools, Don started a successful Liberty Safe dealership, which recently achieved Platinum Dealer status one of only 60 such dealers in the country. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, and spending time with a host of wonderful friends and family. Don was an extraordinary man who made a positive impact on everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 53 years, Evelyn Joan "Jo" Cook, whom he met while attending Ball State University. Siblings are Dale Delores Cook and the late Peggy Richards. He is also survived by two sons, Brent Barbara Cook and Blain Rose Cook. Grandchildren are Matthew Alisha Cook, Megan Cook, Andrew Cook, Alex Cook, Aaron Cook, Rachel Cook, and two great-grandchildren, Lyla and Lincoln Cook. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home located at 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, IN. A Masonic Service will be held at 4:30 PM Sunday. Funeral and burial services will be on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 10:00 am. Don will be interred at East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson with Military Rites by the VFW #266. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Anderson Symphony Orchestra or The NRA Foundation the NRA Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that is separate from the NRA. [www.loosefuneralhomes.com](http://www.loosefuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ From the survivors of the Kenneth and Loretta Stephenson family. Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of Don, he was loved by many and a friend to all. He will be missed.

Autie Mae Lamb - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Don was a patient here for many years. Always had something interesting to talk about. He will be missed by many. Prayers to his family.

Karla, Dr Seal's - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ To the Family of don Cook. I worked with and enjoyed talking to Don for many years. He was a a "Good Guy". Please pass my condolences to the entire family. Alan McNalley RS Cutter Grind Saginaw, Mich.

alan McNalley - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Don, was a Distributor of Fullerton Tool for many years, obtaining Gold status as a top distributor nearly every year he sold Fullerton Tools. Don was a brilliant tooling engineer and a loyal to selling Fullerton Tools, Don was more than a customer to the workers at Fullerton, Don was like family to many of us, sharing relationships with many of us well beyond his retirement. I always enjoyed our discussions about hunting, guns, politics and America. Don you will truly be missed. God Bless you an your Family. Patrick Curry

Patrick Curry - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ It is with sadness that we are notified of the passing of Donald Cook. Donald was a member of the Alexandria Conservation & Gun Club, Inc. Don helped our club with grants and grant money from the Friends of the NRA. It is with a heavy heart when our club loses a member of Don's stature. As much as Don was loved here on earth Jesus loved him even more. From the Alexandria Conservation & Gun Club to the family and friends you have our deepest sympathy.

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**Michael Stephenson** - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of Don's passing. I have many memories of Don, from our meeting in high-school, through our military service, his introducing me to my wife, and many other memories. Don was passionate about life. Whatever his project or interest, he became totally involved and knowledgeable. To have Don for a friend meant you had a friend for life. I always felt, regardless of distance or lapse of time, he would be there when needed. Don was what is known as 'a good guy'. He will be missed by many. Don & Jayne Crouch

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**Donald Crouch** - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To the Don Cook Family. We have known Don only for a short time, but in that time we realized we had discovered a good friend willing to share a treasure of knowledge and wonderful stories only a few people could ever experience in one lifetime. We are so fortunate to have been a part of his life. So many will miss Don Cook

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**Stephen & Ruth Huff** - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Praying for you and your family. Steve & Laura Durcholz and family

Steve Durcholz - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Jo and the family of Don Cook: I was indeed sorry to hear about Don's passing and I know he will be dearly missed by all. He was a great business associate in our Industry and was a great help to me over the years. He had a lot to be proud of and was one of a kind. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jim Mace - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Jo and Blain, I'm sorry for your loss. Don is a special man to so many. I really enjoyed spending time with him, visiting and sharing stories at the barn. I will miss him so much.

Todd Mossoney - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ God bless Don and family.

Brian Buchanan - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I met Don through the Friends of the NRA. Don believed in the United States, the Constution and the Second Admendment. His tireless work and support played a major role in the success in Indiana of the Friends of the NRA. His FNRA friends morn his passing. He will be missed.

Steve Foster - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Thanks for being a friend and all you have done for the Friends of NRA. Paul Harding Western Indiana Friends of NRA Chairman

Paul Harding - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Blake, Rose, and Aaron.

Bill and Beth Roberts - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Don was a dear, dear friend who became a mentor to me after my dad died. He and Jo were wonderful to me! They always had time to lend an ear, offer advice, share a laugh, give a hug. Don's death is a great personal loss to me, even though distance kept us apart much of the time. I'm going to miss being able to pick up the phone and talk something over with him or meet him on a visit back to Anderson. Jo, you know Don had a strong faith and is happy and well waiting for you in heaven. You are the one who has to bear the burden of his absence. I pray God's peace and love and comfort in the days to come. Know that there are many of us who loved Don and love you and are holding you up to God in prayer.

Susanna Harter - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Jo, Don was the first person I met in Indiana. He made an impression on me from that moment on. I am extremely proud to call you both my friends. Don's not gone, he's being rewarded for setting an example for us all to follow.

Steve Teutsch - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Don was full of surprises and again he surprised us all! I feel any words will be inadequate to honor such a great man and friend to my family and many others throughout Indiana. He was a man of many passions and shared these with all those he came in contact with, most importantly the next generation, through his support of the Friends of the NRA. It was disheartening to share this news with John away at Ft. Bliss preparing to go to Iraq. I am grateful for the fond memories we will have of Don when we last saw him in January. Don and Jo have opened their home and their hearts to us over the years leaving special memories never to be forgotten. The world was definitely a better place while Don was with us. The Cronos are deeply saddened for the loss of such a great man but without any reservation we know he is with his heavenly father smiling down on us all, watching, and cheering us on as we continue to carry on his legacy.

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**Major John and Dawn Crone** - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

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**Greg Garvey** - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM