



Mr Howard Arthur Cook

July 29, 1934 - May 10, 2021

Howard Arthur Cook, beloved husband, father, and grandfather left this earth peacefully at his home on May 10, 2021, at the age of 86. He was born in White City, Ks on July 29, 1934, where he spent his entire childhood, graduated from high school in 1952, and met his loving wife Yvonne (Vonnie) Stilwell from Skiddy, Ks. Married in 1959 they recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Howard followed his father and three uncles into the pipeline construction business as a welder building many of the major pipelines across the United States that distribute oil and gas during his career. The job required continuous travel and enabled him and his family to see many of the sights across this nation as he worked and lived in the majority of states. It was a very rewarding lifestyle truly enjoyed by him, his wife, and three children. Howard was a very loving husband and father and had much compassion for those less fortunate, never hesitating to go out of his way to help those in need. He was an incredible role model for his children and others, instilling the values of hard work, honesty, and integrity. He considered the greatest gifts in his life to be his family with special gratitude and love to his grandparents, Harry and Clara Price, who raised him and his brother.

He retired in 1999 and returned to his hometown area. For the past 8 years, he was a resident of Bartlesville, where he moved to be close to his sons and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother Henry and Mary (Price)

Cook and his brother Marvin Cook. He is survived by his wife Vonnie, sons, Douglas (Laurie) Cook and Dan Cook, daughter, Kristi (Rich) Nottlemann, sister-in-law Celeste Cook, brother and sister-in-law Larry and Carol Stilwell, 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 3 nephews, and 1 niece.

A private memorial service will be held at 1 pm on May 14, 2021, at the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel followed by interment at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Katy Railroad Boxcar Museum, P.O. Box 4, in care of White City, Ks 66872.

Howard's service will be live-streamed and can be viewed at this link:

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1620939845115246>

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Howard Arthur Cook*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr Howard Arthur Cook*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



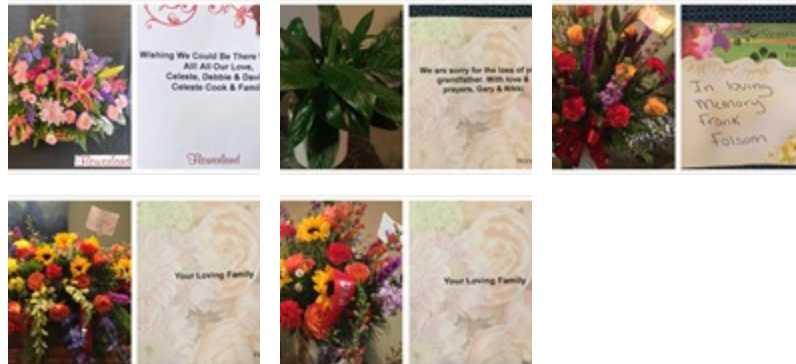
“ *I was a college sophomore at the time Howard hired me as a summertime pipeline welder's helper. I did more traveling in that one summer than I had in my entire life up to that point in time. I learned a lot from Howard, not the least of which was working hard to meet high expectations of a demanding boss, the vagaries of labor union politics and how it took many different skills to do difficult things. I respected Howard a lot and am forever grateful for his mentoring. Rest in Peace.*

Larry Gfeller

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr Howard Arthur Cook.



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“ Jo Ellen Bleavins lit a candle in memory of Mr Howard Arthur Cook



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“ Aaron, Jo Ellen, Chayse and Ava Bleavins purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr Howard Arthur Cook.



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