

John Stephen Cook

January 30, 1945 - January 8, 2018

John Stephen Cook, a loving Stevie, Dad and Paw went home to be with his Lord on January 8, 2018, while a patient at the WVU Heart Institute. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 30, 1945, at Red Jacket, WV to the late Marie Savage and Theodore “Ted” Cook. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Louise Thomas Moore and Ted “Buddy” Cooke.

At the early age of 16 his dad passed away. After that his mother Marie met and married his step-father, Gerald Chafin of Elk Creek and they moved to Delbarton. It was during this time that he found his job. For over 45 years our dad worked and owned Chafin Funeral Home. He loved his job and loved to serve the families in the Delbarton area. Also during this time, he drove a school bus for the Mingo County Board of Education. He drove number 28 for 27 years from Delbarton to Taylorville. Most importantly in his life, he became a Christian. With the persistency of our mother he was saved and baptized at the Regional Church of God. He loved his pastor, Mitchell Bias, and loved to hear Matt Hartley preach as well. When he was able to go he hardly missed a service. His happy place was being at home surrounded by his grandchildren giving them various projects to do around the property. He loved working with and raising his chickens.

On January 31st he would have celebrated his 54th anniversary with his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Jane. She was by his side every day helping him through all of his hospital stays and doctors visits. She has

been his rock. He will be dearly missed by his four children, Lisa Williamson and Jim; Steven "Tib" and his wife Cindy; Jamie Cook and Gretchen; and Malena Woolum and her husband, Scott. Paw's 11 grandchildren were his pride and joy. Each has a special place in his heart. Chase and Vette Williamson; Cody Williamson & Cassie; Corey Cook & Kayla; Jordan Cook & Caitlin; Blake and Sabrina Cook; Hanna Cook & John; Dylan Woolum & Tori; Tanner Woolum; Garrett Cook; Hunter Woolum and Eli Cook. Although they didn't have much time to spend with Paw, the parents of his great-grandchildren, Cruz, Brantley, Bentley and Channing will tell many stories of the happy times with their Paw. The family would like to give a special thanks to Mitchell Bias for all the time you took to visit the hospital with Dad and all the things you have done for our family. To Kym Wallace, thank you for being there for us so many times at the hospital. You helped our Mom in so many ways and we will always be grateful. Thank you to David Baisden and Katie Adkins for being with our family as well.

Funeral services will be held at Regional Church of God, Delbarton, WV Friday, January 12, 2018, at 1:00pm with Rev. Mitchell Bias and Rev. Rick Hisle officiating. Special singing by Elder Jimmy Maynard and Emerging Worship. Burial will follow in Paw's favorite spot on our property. He chose this spot so he could watch over all the grandchildren as they play in the bottom. Visitation will be at the church on Thursday evening after 6:00pm. His grandsons will serve as his pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be some of his longtime friends, Clayburn Varney, David Baisden, Scott Clevenger and Dallas Adkins.

Our family would also like to give a special thanks to the Doctors and staff at the WVU Heart Institute. We truly believe that they gave our dad the best care possible.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

Regional Church Of God
Delbarton, WV

Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Regional Church Of God
Delbarton, WV

Burial

JAN 12 (ET)

Cook Property Cemetery
Delbarton, WV

Tribute Wall



“ Chafin Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Stephen Cook



Chafin Funeral Home - January 18, 2018 at 05:51 PM

MO

love this it so nice love and prayers

mary ooten - January 18, 2018 at 06:32 PM

PW

Loved the video. Such good memories you have and can hold on to forever. Thanks Tib for sharing.

Pam Warden - January 18, 2018 at 07:16 PM

JK

I am so sorry for you and your family's loss . Steve was a truly good man and has left a good family here on earth to carry on for him .

Jerry Kirk - January 18, 2018 at 07:19 PM

RH

Precious memories to help carry you through these difficult days. The video is a beautiful tribute to your dad and family. Love and prayers.

Rita Hatfield - January 18, 2018 at 08:14 PM



Beautiful tribute to your Dad. Hugs & prayers to you and your family! 🙏



Sherry Justice - January 18, 2018 at 08:51 PM

TS

Jane & family, So many happy memories & perfect music to go with such a lovely family time! Something to last forever until you meet again! We love all of you & pray for God to comfort you each day.

Tom & Brenda Slone - January 18, 2018 at 09:02 PM

TW

Steve was a good person. Beautiful tribute.

Tonya Wallace - January 18, 2018 at 09:24 PM

MG

This is so beautiful. Loved all the pictures. Your family has been there for so many families in our little town. May God be with each of you. ❤️

Marcella Coyer Gibson - January 18, 2018 at 09:59 PM

MD

Beautiful memories. Beautiful people. Memories last a lifetime. God bless ur family in this horrible loss.

melissa diamond - January 19, 2018 at 01:26 AM

DS

A great tribute with many of good memories.

Darlene Stepp - January 19, 2018 at 05:58 AM

PP

Such a beautiful and perfect tribute to Steve, he would have loved it. Great memories you all will have forever. Thank you for sharing. I love you all, keeping your family in my prayers. 🙏❤️

Peggy Perry - January 19, 2018 at 07:29 AM



Beautiful memories. Thanks for sharing

Betty Wilson - January 19, 2018 at 11:54 AM

PF

Wonderful memories Steve you loss is heavens gain

Penny France - January 20, 2018 at 12:26 AM

LC

Beautiful memories

Iorie Chafin - January 20, 2018 at 07:12 AM

CE

I absolutely loved everything in this video. So many memories to look back on and cherish. Love and Prayers to my dear friend, Jane and all her family. Connie Pack Edwards

Connie Pack Edwards - August 13, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ *John Stephen Cook*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

AB

“ *Steven “Tib” and family. I just learned of the passing of John or “Big Steve” to me. He was a master embalmer and an icon in the funeral business in our community. I knew he lived a rich and full life but the the tribute video shows just how full life his life was. I know you all will miss him, but you have the wonderful memories and in them he lives on. May God bless you all. Allen Bowers and the staff of Bowers Funeral Home, Decatur, Tn.*

Allen Bowers - October 11, 2018 at 09:30 PM

CE

“ *Connie Pack Edwards lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Connie Pack Edwards - January 14, 2018 at 02:02 PM

HJ

“ I am sorry to hear about Steve. He was a fine man who devoted his life to helping others. My heartfelt condolences to the Cook family.



Henry Vinson JD - January 12, 2018 at 07:31 PM

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Henry Vinson, JD

Henry Vinson JD - January 12, 2018 at 05:26 PM

RW

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. You all have an awesome support group. Mr. Cook was an amazing family man and husband. If there is anything that I can help with, please let me know. Prayers and thought going your way.

Renae Warnick
Fairfield Inn & Suites
Morgantown, WV

Renae Warnick - January 12, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of Steve he was well respected in our little town. I remember when he drove the school bus he was always so good to everyone. Hugs and prayers to you Jane & the rest of the family 🙏

Sherry Justice - January 12, 2018 at 05:49 AM



“ Sherry Justice lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



Sherry Justice - January 12, 2018 at 05:38 AM



So sorry for the loss of Steve, he was a well respected man in our little town. I remember when he drove the school bus was always so good to everyone. Hug and prayers for you Jane & the rest of the family 🙏

Sherry Justice - January 12, 2018 at 05:43 AM



I'M SO SORRY, I WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE BUT I WAS SICK. wallace O. marcum sr

wallace o marcum sr. - January 14, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Jane, words cannot express the sorrow we feel for your family. May God bless you is our prayer.

Neal and Glenna Robinson


Neal and Glenna Robinson - January 11, 2018 at 11:00 PM

PM

“ I'm sorry for your loss Tib. Love to you and your family.



Patty Maynard - January 11, 2018 at 05:02 PM

 Donald Crum

“ My Prayers go out to the Family. The cook's have always been good to me and my Family extending their help and heart where they could. Steve will be sadly missed. Know that the entire Family is in my prayers, as well as my Love.
don crum, jr.

Donald Crum - January 11, 2018 at 01:37 PM

MI

“ I am so sorry to hear of your daddy passing. My prayers are with you Tib and all the family may God comfort you and yours and may you find peace. Marlene ison

marlene ison - January 10, 2018 at 10:54 PM

RA

“ So sorry to hear this. Drove a bus with Jane and Steve for years. Love and prayers to all the family.

Regina Adkins - January 10, 2018 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ I don't even know where to begin. I am deeply saddened to hear about Steve's passing. He was a great man. I have so many memories growing up that have him in them; riding the bus to school, playing basketball, a trip to Myrtle Beach (little sundae..), bottle rocket battles, etc. Like a second dad when I was young. So many laughs and good times. He will be greatly missed. I will keep each of you in my prayers.

Michael Staten - January 10, 2018 at 07:07 PM

DB

“ My sympathies and prayers for the family. 🙏

Dianna Bragg - January 10, 2018 at 06:30 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry for the Cook family loss, Steve was an excellent father, husband, grandfather and friend to so many, our condolences and love goes out to all!

Brenda Perry - January 10, 2018 at 04:20 PM

RR

“ So sorry to lose such a fine man. Prayers for Jane, all the children, and grandchildren and his extended family during this time. We know he is free of pain and suffering and is in God's loving arms.



Rachel Runyon - January 10, 2018 at 02:58 PM

PB

“ *Pearlene Bush/chapman lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



pearlene bush/chapman - January 10, 2018 at 02:44 PM

PB

“ *Jane and family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of Steve. Steve has gotten my family thru a lot in their time of need. Once again my condolences and prayers..*
Bob and Pearlene Bush-Chapman of Amherst Ohio

pearlene bush/chapman - January 10, 2018 at 02:43 PM

LC

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss he was a great man*



Laura Carroll - January 10, 2018 at 02:34 PM

SF

“ Mom and dad still talk about their trip with you and Steve to Branson. She said she’s never seen dad laugh so much. They are happy that they made the trip with their dear friends.

Jane, Mom wants you to know that she loves you! You are her best friend and she feels your pain. She wants you to know that if you need ANYTHING, do not hesitate to call her. You and the family are in our prayers.

Mom is very sick with the flu; she is hoping she can make it.



sherry fuson - January 10, 2018 at 01:35 PM

JD

Jane and family. So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person. Prayers and thoughts sent your way.

Julia Kirk DeVault - January 10, 2018 at 04:52 PM

DT

“ Sorry for your loss!! Steve was a nice person & a wonderful school bus driver. Our children thought he was the best..often times, school would be in our conversation. Talking about Delbarton and Steve’s name would always come up. What a wonderful bus driver he was.He would always wait on Chris and Crystal each morning, so they didn’t wait in the cold or miss the bus. Our loss Heavens gain.. until we meet again. Don & Josie Robertson

Don & Josie Robertson.. Jonesborough, Tn - January 10, 2018 at 12:40 PM

AG

“ Another great loss from our community, I have so many fun memories of him and some where he just was kind the one sticks out the most is when I lost my 15 year old son Steven, I was taking a minute away from everyone to try breath. He saw me and came said Arlene this pain you feel don't let it get you he was great kid , I loved spending time with him talking he was all around great , and his name is great too you know..he wanted me smile and I'll never forget him ...our hearts and prayers go out to the cook family. Steve will be greatly missed.



Arlene gartin - January 10, 2018 at 11:08 AM

SF

“ Sid & I would like to extend to all the family our sincere condolences. There really aren't any words that can soothe your grief. Just know that we care and will continue to lift all up in prayer.....asking God to comfort and give you peace that only He can give. You are loved.....Sid&Evelyn Ferrell

Sid&Evelyn Ferrell - January 10, 2018 at 10:19 AM

PP

“ Steve was always there for us. He was a great man that will never be forgotten. Steve has touched the life of just about every one in our little community, he was loved. ❤️

Peggy Perry - January 10, 2018 at 09:43 AM

PP

“ Where to start, Steve has been a part of my family for as long as I can remember, always there when we needed him and when we didn't. He was one of my dad's best friends and when I lost my dad, he

Peggy Perry - January 10, 2018 at 09:35 AM

PP

“ *Peggy Perry lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Peggy Perry - January 10, 2018 at 09:30 AM

SL

“ *SUE LIGHT lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



SUE LIGHT - January 10, 2018 at 09:27 AM

SL

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, STEVE WAS WELL LIKED BY OUR FAMILY. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.

SUE LIGHT - January 10, 2018 at 09:28 AM

AO

“ *Steve was my classmate and he was a fine man and I know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him; Rest in peace my friend.*

Allene Ooten - January 10, 2018 at 09:18 AM

LC

“ *Linda Maynard Carter lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Linda Maynard Carter - January 10, 2018 at 07:10 AM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss ! May God be with you through this time ! He was such a great man and he did so much for everyone of us ! RIP and Fly high Steve !



Sandra Prater - January 10, 2018 at 07:04 AM

RP

“ Such a great family man and a well respected man in our small town. RIP my friend.

RUSH Perry - January 10, 2018 at 07:01 AM

ST

“ How sad to hear of his passing, he fought hard to stay but God needed him more. My thoughts & prayers are with his family and many friends!

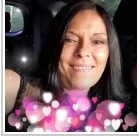
Sheila Trippett - January 10, 2018 at 05:43 AM

JJ

“ June Jude lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



June Jude - January 10, 2018 at 04:02 AM



“ My memories of Steve Cook was his smile and his good mornings every morning when he would pick me up at the bottom of Mitchell Hill ❤️ and anytime if I was running a little late to catch the bus he always waited on me- and anytime I would walk the back alley if he was out in the yard he always waved with a smile - He was the greatest bus driver and a wonderful man- He is one person you could never forget in your life- Truly he was an amazing man - Prayers for the family ❤️



Allison Mitchell - January 10, 2018 at 01:30 AM



“ Rachael Hinkle lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



Rachael Hinkle - January 10, 2018 at 01:00 AM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Stephen Cook.



January 09, 2018 at 11:39 PM

BS

“ Sweet memories of when I was only 10 years old, I wanted to make extra money to buy candy so Steven would chop fire wood and would put it in an old wash tub that I would pull in my wagon and go door to door selling what I could. It's like Steve helped me have a little business. Steve surely will be missed here, but I know shortly there is a reunion day we all that believe in Jesus will be together forever with joy and happiness. <3

Bert Staton - January 09, 2018 at 11:01 PM

TH

“ My heart aches for the family 😞. I pray God wraps his mighty arms around each of you and send down his blessings upon you guys! Love and Prayers 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Tonga Hunt - January 09, 2018 at 10:56 PM

TN

“ So sorry...he was a wonderful bus driver. He drove our bus growing up. Sending love and prayers for his family!



Tammy Newsome - January 09, 2018 at 10:42 PM

JJ

Sorry to here this he was a good man RIP

jerry lane jr - January 09, 2018 at 11:25 PM

RC

Steve and I graduated in May, 1963 from Burch High School. I have known him for many years. He was a good man and will be missed by many people. May God bless and comfort his family. I remember several years ago we had a great talk on the porch of the funeral. Love to all.

Ruth (Hensley) Crigger - January 10, 2018 at 09:29 AM

JP

“ No idea how long we were friends. But a very long time. Truly a good man, always. A man of character & strength and always a warm smile. A man of substance. I will miss my friend. RIP.

John Preece - January 09, 2018 at 10:27 PM

PA

“ Steve was a good man and he and Jane raised 4 good kids. I can remember him coming to the midget league ballgames to support his grandchildren. They were the apple of his eye. Then when those precious great grandchildren came along he got lost in watching those babies play. Steve will be missed by the residents of the Town of Delbarton. One day I will get to see him again. Enjoy your stay in Heaven and straighten out all those other former Delbarton bus drivers that have went on before you.

Pam - January 09, 2018 at 10:09 PM

CR

“ Steve touched a lot of people's lives by being their bus driver and friend. He always left you with a kind word and a smile. It was a great honor to know him. My brother and I loved him deeply. The family is in our thoughts during this time of immeasurable loss. Love and prayers, Cindy Staten Runyon

Cindy Staten Runyon - January 09, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Richard Curry lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Richard Curry - January 09, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DK

“ *It saddens me to see this and to know that my dear friend has passed. My most deepest condolences go out for his family and my childhood friends. I've have no memories of him when he wasn't smiling, and there was always questions from him about how my family and I were doing every time we spoke. I've known him since I was a small child and rode his bus daily and he taught me so much growing up, yet he never knew it.*

Steve was one of those rare people in my life that when you met him for the first time, it made you wish you were a better person; that way the differences in character weren't so obvious. I'm proud to say he was a bigger part of my life than he ever knew, and it has been a privilege and an honor to say he is my friend.

Darrell Klein

Darrell Klein - January 09, 2018 at 09:51 PM

 Nellie Marcum-Fletcher

“ *We lived in the back alley where Steve had his bus parked and we would all gather there in the mornings to get on the bus and every morning he always had that bus warm he was a big part of us growing up he's truly going to be missed my heart and prayers go out to the family*



Nellie Marcum-Fletcher - January 09, 2018 at 09:50 PM

PL

“ So very sorry to hear Steve has passed away. I do know he is in a better place and suffers no more. My heartfelt condolences to all the family and friends. May God comfort each of you. God bless.



Pamela Layne - January 09, 2018 at 09:43 PM

WR

“ Wanda Reed lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



Wanda Reed - January 09, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for your fsmily



Terry Meade - January 09, 2018 at 09:27 PM

BW

“ Prayers for the family.



Billie white - January 09, 2018 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ He was my bus driver from grade school until I graduated. Such a wonderful man. I remember he always bragged about but #28 being the first automatic in Mingo, County. He will be sadly missed. My Prayers are with the family.



Mary E (White) Belcher - January 09, 2018 at 09:09 PM

RD

“ So saddened to hear of Steve passing away. He was such a good guy, always had a smile for everyone. Prayers for Jane and the family.



Roy & Linda Damron - January 09, 2018 at 08:55 PM

PF

“ Pastor Roger Ooten And Family lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



Pastor Roger Ooten and family - January 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM

FK

“ Steve, Jamie and family, so sorry for your loss, you will remain in our thoughts and prayers! --Fred and Amber Kitchen Family

Fred H. Kitchen - January 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM

PC

“ To the family, we are so sorry for your loss, know that we are praying for all now and the days to come, love the Curry family, DickiePaul, Patty and Serenity



patty curry - January 09, 2018 at 08:53 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. All my love and prayers to each of you. Steve was a wonderful person, I remember riding his bus for many years and a child.



Malena (Coleman) Browning - January 09, 2018 at 08:51 PM

MO

“ Your dad was a special man to all who knew him. . I pray God's comfort and peace during these difficult days. I am praying for all of you. Love, and prayers



mary ooten - January 09, 2018 at 08:51 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss in are prayers and thoughts may god hold your family in his arms



Tilton and Norma Hinkle - January 09, 2018 at 08:47 PM

RF

“ *Mitzi and I are praying for you and your family.*

Ralph Farley - January 09, 2018 at 08:35 PM

LH

“ *Lilly J Hall lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Lilly J Hall - January 09, 2018 at 08:32 PM

LH

Steve(Cindy), Jane and family, I'm so so sorry to hear of this. I know that very Sunday before church, when I was in the choir, and when we got done singing, we would hug each other during meet and greet. He told me one time, I sounded like an angel. I couldn't agree more. Although, I have some great friends who can sing. And love what they do. Prayers for you all and If you ever need us for anything, just message me and we'll be there.

Lilly J Hall - January 09, 2018 at 08:39 PM

MT

“ *Malinda Tolliver lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Malinda Tolliver - January 09, 2018 at 08:29 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Wellman lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Kathy Wellman - January 09, 2018 at 08:28 PM

KW

Praying for peace as only God can give for all of the family and friends of this precious soul.

Kathy Wellman - January 09, 2018 at 08:29 PM

RH

“ *Your dad was a special man to all who knew him. . I pray God's comfort and peace during these difficult days. I am praying for all of you. Love, Rita Hatfield*



Rita Hatfield - January 09, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Margaret Sturgell lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Margaret Sturgell - January 09, 2018 at 08:25 PM

SB

“ Steve was a inspiration to me. While I was growing up I watched how he would drove the bus and I thought someday I might be a driver.

Years went by and I had children then guess what I became a bus driver.

Steve was always smiling when I would see him.

I became friends with his children who I know loved him dearly.

I worked with Jane and we had a few good laughs especially the time we broke a mirror & window on the bus.

I am so sorry but we all will always have memories of Steve.

I am so sorry.

Sharon Branham - January 09, 2018 at 08:24 PM

WS

“ Wendy Smith lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook



wendy smith - January 09, 2018 at 08:19 PM

AS

“ I didn't know Mr. Cook personally, but my father loved and respected him and his stepdad, Gerald Chafin. I think he has some wonderful children and no doubt he was a very blessed and loved man. My condolences to the family and many friends of someone so special to the community. May you find comfort as only God can give.



Alma Smith - January 09, 2018 at 08:16 PM

BS

“ *Bro Bo And Kathy Starr lit a candle in memory of John Stephen Cook*



Bro Bo and Kathy Starr - January 09, 2018 at 08:09 PM

MP

Steve was an individual you didn't have to be around very long to realize how his life evolved around the love for his special family. Condolences to the entire Cook family. We pray for peace and comfort for each of you.

Moses Pinson - January 09, 2018 at 10:50 PM

CE

May God bless each member of Steve's family and especially his dear sweet wife, Jane whom I've been friends with for many years.

Connie Pack Edwards - January 09, 2018 at 11:55 PM