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Robert O. Cook, 83, of Proctorville, Ohio, husband of Betty Cook, passed away Monday, September 3, 2018. He was born October 4, 1934 in Wheeling, WV, son to the late Charles M. Cook and Ada Barr Caruthers Cook. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles C. Cook. In addition to his wife Betty, he is survived by two daughters, Lori Cook (Cindy Fenstermaker) of Columbus, Ohio, and Anita (Jim) Vastine of Wheelersburg, Ohio; and a son Philip Cook (Shirlene Justus) of Columbus, Ohio. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Adam Vastine and Mia Vastine, whom he dearly loved. He retired in 2001 after 35 years as Guidance Counselor at Fairland High School. While at Fairland, he founded both the high school student council and the middle school football team. He also held stints as the high school girls' track coach and assistant girls' basketball coach. He dedicated 45 years of his life as a track and cross-country official at the local, regional and state levels within Ohio and West Virginia. Through his long and selfless service as guidance counselor, coach and track official, he was able to encourage each student athlete not to win but to perform their best. His influence spanned multiple generations of student athletes across southern Ohio. The family extends a special thanks to his close friends Mike Whitley and Dave Lockhart, and the numerous track officials throughout the years. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Funeral service will be conducted 10 a.m. Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, Ohio by Pastor Mike Smith. Burial will follow in Rome Cemetery, Proctorville, Ohio. Visitation will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Fairland High School Gymnasium, 812 County Road 411, Proctorville, Ohio 45669. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ehallfuneralhome.com.



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DG

Dr. Donna Gillette posted:

Mr. Cook was a great guidance counselor at Fairland, and always demanded the best of us. Now after nearly 40 years in private practice as a psychologist, I realize just how skilled he truly was. I have to help out parents and students in North Florida because they do not have a "Mr. Cook" to handle the challenges that they face. My sympathy goes out to his family.

October 3 at 7:29 AM

LS

Linda Schneider posted:

I am greatly indebted to Bob Cook. I learned counseling at Marshall, but I learned guidance counseling from Bob. He helped pave the way for me to become a counselor at Fairland; because we had different styles and strengths, I was able to focus on things I particularly enjoyed doing with students. We made a good team, but he was clearly the leader – I learned more from him than I could ever say. He was one of the most dedicated people I've known. Only he and Betty could know how many hours he spent working for Fairland. He was devoted, and didn't settle for less than his goal. It didn't seem to matter to him how many hours it took to make things work. He was devoted to making Fairland High School the best it could be. He worked harder for the students of FHS than anyone else in my experience. He knew the students, called them by name, and remembered them! Thank you, Mr. Cook, for everything!

September 6 at 3:10 PM

JT

Jason Throckmorton posted:

On behalf of the Southern Southeastern Ohio Track & Field Officials Association, I extend our condolences and say that we have lost a great official and friend. Bob went above and beyond the call of duty as an association official and we are extremely grateful for his service.

September 5 at 8:15 AM

CR

Connie Pallotta (Regillo) posted:

A darling man... I always remember his friendly manner and him being a wonderful husband and father (and Uncle to myself). May perpetual light shine upon him.

September 5 at 6:58 AM



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TM

Teresa Bowman Massey posted:

Mr. Cook had a profound effect on my life. He always pushed me to be better. His love and encouragement helped make me what I am today. My deepest sympathy to the family. He was such a dear man and will greatly missed.

September 5 at 4:49 AM

TS

Thomas & Sheryl Shedlock posted:

Lori and Family: We are so very sorry for your loss. I felt like I knew your father from the stories you used to tell me about him. May your sense of loss and sorrow soon be replaced by the joyful memories that touched many others and by knowing his was a life well-lived. I have found that if you keep a passed loved-one's memory alive, they never really leave you. Our sincere condolences to you and your entire circle of family and friends. Sincerely, Tom (& Sheryl) Shedlock

September 5 at 4:00 AM

KM

Kenneth Miese posted:

It is with my deepest sympathy for your family at this time. Over the years of knowing Bob and working at track meets with him, we saw a man that took pride in guiding and reaching out to the young people that he came into contact with.

September 4 at 11:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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