



John Winston Cook

October 24, 1921 - April 15, 2007

John Winston Cook, a wonderful husband, father and friend, died peacefully on April 15, 2007. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin on October 24, 1921 to Maynard Albert and Chorale Boyd Cook, and was raised in Winnetka, Ill. He graduated from New Trier High School in 1939, then from Dartmouth College in 1943. Following graduation, John attended flight school with the Royal Air Force. During World War II, he served in the 348th Fighter Group, 342nd Squadron, flying P47 Thunderbolt and P51 Mustang fighters, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater, specifically the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. The camaraderie, dangers and excitement of World War II were favorite topics of conversation for the rest of his life, and gained him the respect and admiration of many.

Following his military service, John moved to San Antonio where he began his career in the life insurance and real estate businesses. He enjoyed staying in touch with friends in the military through the years, and assisted many of them in purchasing homes and insurance. Together with his wife Bette, John co-brokered Cook Company Realty before joining Kuper Realty more than 20 years ago. He was a kind and gentle man who took a genuine interest in everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife, Bette Ruth Williams Cook, daughters Marjorie Cook Hutcheson and her husband Palmer, of Houston, and Nancy Winston Cook of San Antonio. He is also survived by his son Frank Tyson Cook, and his wife Beryl, of Chicago. His grandchildren, who brought him great joy, are Nancy

and Caroline Hutcheson, John Palmer Hutcheson, Jr. and his wife Lillian, Katharine and Elizabeth Cook. In addition, he is survived by his sister, Chorale Cook Page and her husband Edward, of Sarasota, Florida and his brother Maynard Boyd Cook, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

John enjoyed the Revelers and Los Alegradores Dance Clubs and was an avid bridge player and recreational sailor. He also was a member of Club Giraud, and of St. Luke's Episcopal Church for nearly 50 years. In 1985, he was made an honorary member of the 82nd Medical Detachment Helicopter Ambulance Group "Dustoff" for his longtime friendship and service to its members.

The family wishes to thank his loyal caretakers during his final illness: Elsie Castillo, Consuelo Rodriguez, Anne Marie Vasquez, Angie Stewart and Maggie Rodriguez, as well as the staff at the ECTC-1 at the VA Hospital.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 19th at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 11 St. Luke's Lane, with The Rev. Dr. Walter L. Prehn, III and The Rev. Katherine Riggs officiating. Honorary pallbearers are Craig Bertolett, Larry Burns, Charles Burton, Jack Dix, Palmer Hutcheson, J. P. Hutcheson, Paul Lloyd, George Rodgers, John Russell, Cornel Sarosdy, Richard Scott and Ed Taylor.

For those desiring, the family requests that any donations in John's memory be made to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Wishing John's family my condolences. I first met John when I attended the Basic Course at Ft Sam in 1961. I really got to know him after I went to flight school in 1963/64. He seemed to always know where ever MSC pilot was assigned. I also bought my

R. Jeff Grider - April 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Tom and I met John at a party on Lilac Lane shortly after we moved to San Antonio. Tom felt a particular affinity for John as he had the same Ivy League roots and he was a kind, soft-spoken gentleman that we had met very few of at that time. Being a wid

Nancy Pawel - April 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ With deepest sympathy to you and your family. We are so sorry to read of John's death. RoseGail and Roy Leatherberry

Roy Leatherberry - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ John was a dear friend who knew more about my military assignments and my career than anyone else. After our retirement he continued to provide a wealth of information and knowledge that was invaluable.

John was an extraordinary human being!

Our condol

Joe and Carolyn Brown - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Bette Ruth and Nancy:
Love and heartfelt sympathy in your loss. Hubert and Leah Green*

Hubert Green - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Our friendship with your daughter, Marjorie, reflects more than words can express what a wonderful and loving father you must have been.*

Bill & Cinda Matthews - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *John was such a nice man. When ever he came to one of my mother's parties in Boerne he always took time to talk with me and I always enjoyed talking with him. He will be missed greatly.*

Billy Graham - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Dearest Bette,*

Your John will always hold a special place in my heart. I have fond memories of having known him.
My wish is that you find peace with each passing day, comforted knowing that he is smiling down on you and Nancy with great pride.

Patricia Potyka Paredes - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *To the family of our dear friend John Cook please know our deepest condolences are with all of you at this sad time. May God be with you!*

Thomas C. Jackson - April 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ John was a very special friend and at one time was our next door neighbor when Marjorie was a little girl. He sold me my very first life insurance policy and continued to stay in touch with us over these many years. We hadn't spoken in a while but we will

Frank & Virginia Clifton - April 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ John was one of the first people that I met when I reported to San Antonio in November 1952 for the MSC Officer's Basic Course. He extended his hand and said: " hi, I'm John Cook and I sell insurance." We established a friendship then that lasted over the

Byron & Billie-Kite Howlett - April 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ During this time of loss, Judy, Michael, Daniel and I want the whole Cook Family to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you all.

Boyd Cook - April 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ John and I were friends since 1956, close FRIENDS, will miss John, he is with the LORD!

Ralph {Mac} McBride - April 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at your loss. John is now in a room that was prepared for him years ago my our savior, and we know that we will all be reunited with him in our own time.

Andy

andy andridge - April 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM