



William "Bill" Cook

May 26, 1948 - June 7, 2024

William "Bill" Cook, 76, of Milford passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, at his home in Milford, surrounded by his family.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Military Funeral Honors will be held in the Calvary Cemetery conducted by the Milford American Legion Post #384. A public celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Bill was born on May 26, 1948, in Spencer, IA, to LuVern and Laura (Thelen) Cook. He graduated from Milford High School and attended Iowa Lakes Community College. Bill enlisted in the US Army and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War where he was awarded 2 purple Hearts as a combat wounded veteran. After his honorable discharge, he returned home and was later united in marriage to Lynnette Anderson on August 21, 1971, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Bill worked for many years as a lead foreman for DeMuth Landscape and Design. He most recently worked for and retired from St. Joseph Catholic Church working as a general maintenance custodian.

Bill was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a lifetime member of the DAV and American Legion Milford Post #384. He was a member of the Wounded Warrior's Organization and a member of the Iowa Taxidermy Association, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.

In his free time, he loved being outdoors where he enjoyed all aspects of wildlife. He enjoyed working his land, planting trees and food plots for animals. You would often see Bill playing with his dogs and hunting. Bill loved giving his grandchildren rides on the lawn mower, teaching them about nature and generally creating games with them that invoked as much laughter as possible. He was a self-taught master taxidermist. He competed in the Iowa Taxidermy and World Taxidermy Competitions. He loved to identify songbirds and watch the squirrels and deer with his wife, Lynnette.

Those who knew Bill best knew he was a jack of all trades, and he could fix anything that was placed in front of him. He was a pure example of patience, kindness and positivity and joy. He loved and provided for his family above all. He found joy and peace in hard work and his efforts molded the character of his children. He liked to keep things simple, and he knew what was important in a good life.

Left to treasure his memory is his wife Lynnette Cook of Milford, daughters Jackie (Jeff) Stellish of Sioux City; Dallas Dotson and her husband Jonny Fiddelke of Spencer; son Cody (Alison) Cook of Spirit Lake; grandchildren Jackson, Kenny, Oz, Indie, Winter Sky and Sawyer William; great granddaughter Scarlett Anne Stellish; sister Connie (Jerry) Braunschweig of Alta, IA and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Charlene Unrau and a brother Richard "Waldo" Cook, brother-in-laws, Murray Wyman, John Unrau, nephew, Chad Michael Wyman.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

225th Street
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall

JS

“ To Lynnette and family so sorry for your loss. Was a tough road as of late for Bill and the family. So glad that I got to stop by and visit with him at home a few weeks back . Tough as it was for Bill that day he was as the same guy, one of the kindest guys ever. Have good memories of working with Bill when we both helped out over at Lyle Overackers place. Will not forget Bill. It was an honor.



JEFFREY W VANDER SLUIS - June 20, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MJ

“ Bill went to Vietnam with me, thought not in the same unit, I remember Bill as upbeat and a friend. I remember him fondly and wish his family comfort and blessings. Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson - June 18, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JB

“ Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Jaime Berning - June 12, 2024 at 04:15 PM

GS

“ Gary & Kay Swenson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Gary & Kay Swenson - June 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JO

“ Thinking of you Lynette and all your family. Our sympathy & prayers. Marline & Bruce



Johnsons - June 11, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ I have so many good memories of Bill. He was the "GO TO" man when anything needed to be fixed when he worked at St Joseph, he was always there and had a solution. I volunteered there for many years and know how he loved to help everybody out!! The beautiful waterfall at the front door is one of his works of art. Rest in peace, my friend! Prayers and love to all the family members!



Jean Kennedy - June 11, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DM

“ Lynette and family. So sorry to hear about Bill. He was a good friend and a good man. Dennis McDonald

Dennis McDonald - June 11, 2024 at 11:38 AM

EA

“ Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.
My deepest sympathies.



Elizabeth Anderson - June 11, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CN

Thinking of your entire family ❤️Bill was one of the good ones I hope
you find comfort in your fond memories.. Gus and Conni

Connie Noble - June 13, 2024 at 01:57 PM

DT

“ Sending my Love and Sympathy.
Donna Tielbur



Donna Tielbur - June 10, 2024 at 10:28 PM

MK

“ Michelle Kuhlman lit a candle in memory of
William "Bill" Cook



Michelle Kuhlman - June 10, 2024 at 09:46 PM

DW

“ *Diane Warburton lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Diane Warburton - June 10, 2024 at 09:13 PM

KW

“ *Karen,mike,gregg,gloria Wiese lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



karen,mike,gregg,gloria Wiese - June 10, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Cook.*



June 10, 2024 at 07:58 PM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all of Bill's family.*



Chris and Connie Jones - June 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM

MD

“ *Mary Lloyd And Tim Derner lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Mary Lloyd and Tim Derner - June 10, 2024 at 04:37 PM

DS

“ *Dean And Susan Schoning lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Dean and Susan Schoning - June 10, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DG

“ *Dave & LuAnn Garnjobst lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Dave & LuAnn Garnjobst - June 10, 2024 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the entire Cook family. Bill and I had a lot of great conversations at the bank. He will be missed.*

Scott Conrad - June 10, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CF

“ *Connie, Jerry, Jess, Jim & Families purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of William "Bill" Cook.*



Connie, Jerry, Jess, Jim & Families - June 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

BB

“ *Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Bob Baschke - June 10, 2024 at 11:13 AM

EL

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the family of Bill Cook! I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Eileen Lamer - June 10, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AM

How to describe Bill Cook(friend,go to fella for anything. He cleaned my old new car when a kid broke the window out on passenger side . I was at mass with others who got broken into. Bill was such a nice man and in heaven talking with our ones who've gone on ahead. May God Bless the Soul of "William Bill Cook. Love to Nettie and family., Alice Mulder

Alice Mulder - June 10, 2024 at 09:54 AM

BN

“ *Lynette and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. What a great, great person! I can't remember a time when I didn't see him smiling or laughing. He was truly one of the best.... Sending prayers your family's' way.*

Brandi Nelson and Lennon

Brandi Nelson - June 10, 2024 at 09:07 AM

CA

“ *Colleen Anderson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook*



Colleen Anderson - June 09, 2024 at 09:49 PM

RN

“ *Lynette, and family. I am so sorry to read this. Always a kind word whenever I ran into him... many prayers!*



Rhonda Nelson - June 09, 2024 at 09:25 PM

TG

“ *Prayers to all the family*



Tony and Connie Gossman - June 09, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JW

“ Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - June 09, 2024 at 08:03 PM

AH

“ Art & Mary Hamrick lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Art & Mary Hamrick - June 09, 2024 at 05:45 PM

RC

“ Rod (Rick) And Sheryl Cook lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Rod (Rick) and Sheryl Cook - June 09, 2024 at 04:58 PM

KM

“ What an amazing guy who was loved by many. You will be so missed.
Hugs
Larry and Kathy Morrill

Kathy Morrill - June 09, 2024 at 03:08 PM

MT

“ We will truly cherish Bills wonderful legacy of hard work, service to our county, friendship and talent second to none. Such a talented man that created so many memories for us we will cherish forever. God Bless his family, you have our prayer's, RIP Bill.



Mike and Deb Travis - June 09, 2024 at 01:56 PM

KH

“ We had a lot of fun in school and especially after: hunting, partying, and just hanging out. We will miss him

keith hughes - June 09, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JG

“ Janine Gapinski lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Janine Gapinski - June 09, 2024 at 10:18 AM

KS

“ Bill finally got to go home, as he wanted. This journey has been tough for all of you, but we hope your warm memories and the friendship of those who knew Bill will serve as the balm you need to heal the wound of his absence. He can run free now—with all the dogs, too, that Bill ever loved...! We will always remember his smile and warm greetings he always delivered—and there were many, since we both worked with Bill at different jobs. May God bless his soul ... and each of you.

Dave & Karen Schwaller

Karen Schwaller - June 09, 2024 at 08:35 AM

SG

“ Sandi Guthrie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Sandi Guthrie - June 09, 2024 at 12:22 AM

RT

“ I remember Bill always had a smile. So sorry, Lynette. My condolences to you & your family.

Rita Radosevich Tanner - June 08, 2024 at 11:19 PM

MU

“ Mick And Bonnie Umscheid lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Mick and Bonnie Umscheid - June 08, 2024 at 10:22 PM

GW

“ Our sympathy to Lynette and family.



Gary and Katie Weiskircher - June 08, 2024 at 10:06 PM

VB

“ Vince And Linda Bronson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Vince and Linda Bronson - June 08, 2024 at 08:31 PM

DR

“ Dan Roberts lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Dan Roberts - June 08, 2024 at 08:10 PM

KB

“ Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Kris Berning - June 08, 2024 at 07:58 PM

EG

“ So sorry to hear about Bill. All my sympathies to Lynette and all the family. Eleanor and Harry Graves

Eleanor Graves - June 08, 2024 at 07:42 PM

NA

“ Neal Anderson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Neal Anderson - June 08, 2024 at 07:36 PM

LM

“ Luann Mehan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Luann Mehan - June 08, 2024 at 07:26 PM

KW

“ Kerri Wood lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Cook



Kerri Wood - June 08, 2024 at 06:52 PM

CA

“ *Sending prayers for comfort and peace in the coming days. Bill and Cheryl Aumer*



Cheryl Aumer - June 08, 2024 at 06:09 PM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family Lynette.*



Linda Weiskircher - June 08, 2024 at 05:39 PM