



Robert Lewis Cooke

December 17, 2009

Robert Lewis Cooke, 85, affectionately known as "Bob" received his new body in Christ December 17, 2009 and was immediately reunited with Erma – the love of his life. Bob was a native of Lasker, NC and the son of Virginia and Lokie Cooke.

He enjoyed a life filled to the brim with love of Jesus, family, and friends. He never knew a stranger and always took the time to give words of encouragement and love to everyone he met. He was always forgiving, always welcoming, and always humble. Even in failing health, including difficulty breathing, he always looked out for everyone before himself.

Bob was an active member of Westhaven Baptist Church. He was a member of the Usher Board and the Hundley Sunday School Class. He raised his family in the church and taught by word and example how to live a life for Jesus.

Bob was a WWII Veteran and proudly served in the Pacific theater on the U.S.S. Wantuck. He helped to liberate the Philippines, rescued POW's from Japan and watched General Douglas MacArthur sign the treaty to end the war. After the war, he eventually made his way to Norfolk where he worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and met Erma Sears. They were married for 52 ½ years when she died. He retired from the Norfolk Ford Assembly Plant after 38 years of service and remained true to that company until his death.

Left to cherish his memory and continue his legacy are his four children, Laurel E. Loving of Prince George County, Virginia, Robert Lewis Cooke, Jr. of

Washington DC., Ronald Lee Cooke of Portsmouth, Lisa Cooke Wagner and her husband, Dennis of Chesapeake; his greatest joy was his grandchildren, Suzanne Michelle Loving of Nashville, TN, Elizabeth Anne Wagner and Dennis Robert Cooke Wagner of Chesapeake. He is also survived by his sister, Helen Hartman of Maryland, a host of nieces and nephews, many, many friends, and Sylvia, Linda, and Tracy of Sentara Home Health Services. A celebration of his life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday December 20, 2009 in Westhaven Baptist Church by Pastors Bruce and Traci Powers. Burial will follow at Olive Branch Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will be held from 4:00-5:30PM on Saturday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Westhaven Baptist Church. On-line condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I work at Mr. Cooke's doctors office & will truly miss seeing him. He was so funny & sweet. My deepest condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Natalie Gray##imported-end##

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“ Just like his picture ,Cook always had a smile for you. As we always tell our friends when we part . See you later !! Dennis

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“ DEAREST UNCLE BOB:
I’LL ALWAYS HOLD YOU IN MY HEART AND REMEMBER YOU FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND YOUR CHARMING WAYS AND HOW YOU WOULD LIGHT UP A ROOM WHEN YOU WALKED IN.
NOW I KNOW WHY WE ARE HAVING THIS BIG BLIZZARD;
IT’S BECAUSED YOU HAVE ARRIVED IN HEAVEN AND THE ANGELS ARE CELEBRATING YOUR REUNION WITH AUNT ERMA.
YOU’LL ALWAYS BE MY FAVORITE UNCLE! MAY YOU REST IN PEACE TILL WE MEET AGAIN!##imported-begin##CAROL HARTMAN KRAEMER##imported-end##

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“ *My deepest condolences,wanted to bring mom,but because of the snow we wont be able to make it
Love ya,
Don###imported-begin##Donald Hartman###imported-end##*

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“ *Bob's Journey's Just Begun
Don't think of him as gone away-his journey's just begun,life holds so many facets-this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears in a place of warth and confort where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our sadnes can pass away.
And think of him as living in the hearts of those he has touched... for nothing loved is ever lost-and he was love so much.
I loved my brother, and will be proud to say We loved each other and stay close to each other over the years.
God bless you and go meet the lord,

Your loving sister- Helen Cooke Hartman###imported-begin##Helen Hartman###imported-end##*

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“ *To all of Uncle Bob's Family & Friends*

I'm thinking about you and wishing you the courage to help see you through, day by day.

And Hoping your memories will warm your heart always and bring so much comfort your way.

With Heartfelt Sympathy,

Cousin - Michael Hartman##imported-begin##Michael Hartman##imported-end##

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“ *Oh what a glorisous day it was for your father! Know that he is with the King of Kings and your Mom. Ronnie, Lisa, Laurel and Bobby - I love you and have you in my prayers. Love each other, you are all you have. Your Mom and Dad would want you all to be happy, we know they are! God Bless you all and everyone else that know what a great person he was and a wonderful loving, caring Uncle. We will miss him. Keeping you in prayer, Love your cousin, Charlotte and Bobby Weber##imported-begin##Cuzin' Charlotte and Bob Weber##imported-end##*

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