



## Melvin Dean Cook

April 9, 1933 - January 19, 2017

Memorial service for Melvin D. Cook, 83, of Enid, will be Tuesday, January 24 at 11 am in the First United Methodist Church with Reverends Randy Mitchell and Susan Southall officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory.

Melvin was born April 9, 1933 to Kenneth M. and Helen (Dyck) Cook in Goessel, Kansas and died January 19, 2017 in Enid, Oklahoma with his family by his side.

Melvin graduated in 1951 from Vega High School, Vega, Texas and then graduated in business at SMU and studied law at SMU and Denver University, then decided to enlist and serve his country in the U.S. Navy. On June 16, 1962, he married Gloria Stevenson in Silverton, Texas. Melvin worked in farming/ranching and he and Gloria moved, built their family, and made friends all over the Midwest – in Montana, Kansas, Minnesota, Indiana, and Texas - while Melvin was a plant manager for International Multifoods. They moved to Enid in 1973, where he started his own cattle broker business and later became a pilot and flight instructor. Following his retirement, he was a volunteer at Our Daily Bread and with Hospice Circle of Love for over 20 years and for St Mary's Hospital and Meals on Wheels as well. Melvin was an active member and Bible Study and Sunday School teacher at the First United Methodist Church. Melvin and Gloria were also foster parents for many years

in Enid and in Minnesota. He was an avid runner for many years and loved exercising (and socializing) at the YMCA. He loved hiking and being in nature, and treasured his backcountry backpacking trips as a Boy Scout troop sponsor at Philmont Ranch and his two rim-to-rim hikes across the Grand Canyon.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathleen Tolbert and Sharon Baynham; and one brother, Lanny Cook.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Gloria; three children and two daughters-in-law, Melvin D. Cook, Jr. and Tori Cook, Edmond, OK, C. Tyler Storm and Sharon Nishikawa of West Sacramento, CA, and Sarah Cook of Sao Paulo, Brazil; five grandchildren, Scott, Marc, Amalia, Joseph, and Violet; two sisters, Norma Johnson, Dallas, TX, and Marian Horsley, Enid; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to First United Methodist Church, Hospice Circle of Love, YMCA, or Our Daily Bread.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Enid  
401 W. Randolph  
Enid, OK 73701

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I recall the years when I was the songleader in my mother's Sunday School class and once a month Melvin was the class teacher. I liked Melvyn right off and we talked many times. Later on when I quit attending the church I exchanged Christmas cards with Melvyn every year. He was a very good man and I was sorry to hear of his passing.

*Sincerely, Jim Boyer*

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**JIM BOYER** - January 25, 2017 at 11:37 PM

BC

“ I have great memories of Melvin when I was much younger in the 60- 70s. From the times of BarY6 Cattle Company and times at the ranch in New Mexico. I remember he always seemed to have a smile.

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**Barry Crowe** - January 24, 2017 at 10:32 AM

 Corey Cook

“ Corey Cook purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Melvin Dean Cook.



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**Corey Cook** - January 23, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ Gloria, you and Melvin meant a lot to my father and all of us Nebraska Cook's. I always enjoyed seeing both of you at reunions, trips to Vega, and even when you came up to Fort Leonard Wood for my Change of Command. I am heart broken that I couldn't come down with Sandy and Jerry for Melvin's Life Celebration. He has special place my heart. Love, Corey, Lynne, Alicia, Brandon, Amanda, and Ashley. Also love from Bryan, Ramona, and Celia.

Corey Cook - January 23, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Dean Cook.



January 22, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ Love, Ramona and Gabe and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melvin Dean Cook.



Love, Ramona and Gabe and family - January 22, 2017 at 09:28 AM

MB

“Gloria and family. My thoughts are with you at this time. Melvin was a special man who will be missed. I have many happy memories of times spent with him, and considered him one of my favorite Uncles. Love, Ramona and Gabe Jon, Tyann, Sami, Cole and Jessi



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**Mona Brown** - January 22, 2017 at 08:36 AM

DB

“Denise Krick Bellville purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melvin Dean Cook.



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**Denise Krick Bellville** - January 21, 2017 at 02:53 PM

DB

“Gloria one thing I knew for sure when I would visit my folks I was sure to see you and Melvin and his smiling face. He was a true example of a servant, the way he treated the men and women at the Daily Bread with respect and a smile. He accepted people just as they were no matter their position in life. It was an honor to know such a man of God.

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**Denise Bellville** - January 21, 2017 at 01:58 PM

TG

“My beloved host dad. Rest in peace. I will always love you.  
Tamara Goes

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**Tamara Goes** - January 21, 2017 at 07:37 AM

RK

*I am so sorry. Melvin was a great friend to my Dad.*

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**Ronnie Kaiser** - January 21, 2017 at 08:52 PM

AL

“*Sarah--your parents played a big role in my childhood. I loved seeing their smiling faces and hearing their nurturing words every week at church. They also taught Sunday School classes and did a wonderful job. I know your dad will be missed at church and in the broader community. Sending love to you and your mom! Allyson Scott Gevertz*

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**Allyson** - January 21, 2017 at 07:30 AM

VC

“*Oh my heart is broken. Just look at that big ole smile that will be truly missed. Melvin liked to give me a hard time and I liked to give it back to him. He was such a gracious and giving man and will be missed in the Enid community. Prayers for his family.. I will miss you Melvin; you will always be one of my favorites.*

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**Victoria Chivers** - January 20, 2017 at 10:07 PM

SE

“*I love you all so very much. I have so many lovely memories, so many good things you've passed on to me. Melvin is a big part of my heart and my make-up. Look at that smile.*

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**Sandra D Elliott** - January 20, 2017 at 09:23 PM

GI

“ *Gloria - My heartfelt condolences on the loss of Mel. I appreciated the friendship you and Mel had with my parents and the visits you shared in their later years. Ginger Greb Pitman*

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**Ginger** - January 20, 2017 at 11:32 AM