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Rev. Earl Albert Cook, Jr.

May 27, 1938 - Aug. 11, 2023

Rev. Earl Albert Cook, Jr., 85, of Morganton, NC, passed away Friday, August 11, 2023.

Born in Stanly County, NC on May 27, 1938, he was the son of the late Earl Albert Cook, Sr. and Josephine Melton Cook.

Rev. Cook attended Bethel Methodist Church on Bethel Road. He was a graduate of Duke Divinity School. After his retirement of 37 years, he served as Interim Pastor Emeritus. Rev. Cook was an avid fan of the Duke Blue Devils and the Atlanta Braves. Rev. Cook was a veteran of the US Air Force and was a former National Director of the Ruritan Club.

Rev. Cook is survived by his wife, Betty Duckworth Cook; sons, Earl Cook, III (Debby) and Tod Cook; daughters, Johnna Patterson, Traci Cook (Paul Sikes), Debra Phillips (Brook), and Kimberly Franklin (Doug); and thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by two sisters.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, August 18, 2023 at Bethel Methodist Church on Bethel Road. The memorial service will be held at noon

in the church with Revs. Pat Looper and Earl Cross officiating. Military honors will be provided by the US Air Force and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Thoughts and prayers for the entire family!

–Teresa and Bo Estes



Rev. Cook was our pastor at Mt. Carmel Methodist church in Reidsville N.C. We thoroughly loved him and he was so active. Much love and sympathy to the family. Joy French Satterfield

–Joy French Satterfield



Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Rev. Cook served at Mt. Carmel Church in Reidsville,NC 1974 -1978 where will still attend. Love in Christ, Al and Robbie Strader

–Al and Robbie Strader



May ye find rest, Paw.

–Cameron



—Cameron

Earl was a great guy. A true minister in every sense. We had several good discussions over the years because we were not only ministers but a select few who also officiated sports. He was a highly regarded official in NC. I live at the beach and will not be able to attend the service. Know Wanda and I will be praying for each member of the family. Blessings, Tony

—Rev Tony Jordan



We lived beside Earl for about 5 years (1996-2001). He was such a nice and approachable man. Had a few conversations with him (with us having much in common) and my wife recalls him letting her pick blackberries on the edge of his property. Condolences to the family... David and Marnie Kiser

—David Kiser



Saddened for the loss of Rev. Cook. Sympathy and prayers for the entire family. He will be missed by many.

—Millard and Marty Thacker