



Royce Cook

April 28, 1943 - December 4, 2018

Funeral services for Royce Dean Cook, 75, of Gilmer, will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, December 6 at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer with his cousin, David Tackett and Pastor Richard Carl officiating. Burial will be at Rosewood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m.till 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, at the funeral home.

He passed away Tuesday, December 4, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview.

He was born April 28,1943 in Gilmer to Wiley Cook and Thelma Haney Cook.

He worked for Ford Motor Company for 41 years, and had been at Pegues Hurst Ford in Longview since 2003.

He was a 1961 graduate of Harmony High School and a United States Navy veteran.

He was a member of Bettie United Methodist Church where he served as music director.

He married Betty Sue Bivins on August 21, 1964 and she survives him. Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Diane Cook Gee and her husband Mike, and son, Darrell Wayne Cook, both of Gilmer, 3 grandchildren, Diana Michelle Gee of Abilene, David Michael Gee of Gilmer, and Hannah Nicole Cook Melius of Tyler, one brother, Leander Cook of Louisiana, one sister, Janet Cook of Corpus Christi and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were Marlin Dorsey, Tim Anderson, Alton Steelman, Scott Owens, Dan Lake, and Tony Denton. Mike Hill and John Fitch served as Honorary Pallbearers.

Please visit Royce's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Rosewood

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Royce Cook*



McWhorter Funeral Home - December 05, 2018 at 04:44 PM

DS

Prayers for the family

Dave and Ann Shaw - December 05, 2018 at 05:57 PM

GL

“ *With our deepest sympathy to my cousin Betty and family, Richard and Greta (Cates) Leard of Tyler, Texas*

Greta Leard - December 28, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Royce worked my dad, Bernard Davidson for many years and we all thought very highly of him. I spoke to him a couple of years ago and we reminisced about the good old days in Gladewater. I will keep your family in my prayers.*
Trisha Davidson Browning

Trisha Davidson Browning - December 06, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Royce Cook.*



December 06, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *I am Dr. Ray Charles Thomason jd., I was blessed that this honorable gentleman passed my way on the Square Saturday evening before the X-mas parade, he sat on the steps near the curb in front of Joe's Place,he seemed to have the weight of the world on his shoulders,I brought out a chair and invited him to sit there, he did and shared he felt some discomfort, I replied I understand I'm getting old too, I pulled up a chair and we laughed and conversed,and it seems that his burdens were lifted. As he walked away I was equally elated as I could tell he was a fine human being. He said he would return soon and have a burger and watch a movie as Joe was an old friend. I told him he was the second Royce I knew and that Royce was a great name. He smiled and said yes Smooth like a Rolls Royce. I'm so happy that he passed my way and it is fitting that Royce Dean Cook be laid to rest on the same day as the 41st President George Herbert Walker Bush : because I could tell Royce was a man of Presidential qualities. My prayers and condolences to the family and may your love one find comfort in the Arms of the Angels 😊*

RayCharles Thomason - December 05, 2018 at 10:32 PM

DS

“ Dave And Ann Shaw lit a candle in memory of Royce Cook



Dave and Ann Shaw - December 05, 2018 at 06:58 PM



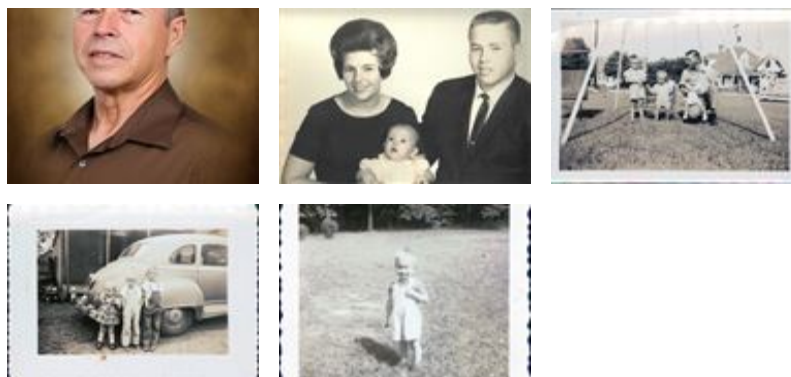
“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Royce Cook.



December 05, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ 274 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - December 05, 2018 at 03:15 PM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss. Bo & Jackie Bright

Jackie & Bo Bright - December 05, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Royce Cook.*



December 05, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Mere words cannot express how much my heart aches for your family. May God be with you and give you comfort in your time of need. He was a special friend that I will think of fondly.*
Richard Burris

Richard Burris - December 05, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *I always had a great respect for Royce. He was a Christian gentleman. I know he loved to sing Gospel songs, and now he is singing around the Lord's throne in heaven.*
Our entire church is in prayer for the Cook family.

Charles Johnson

Charles Johnson - December 05, 2018 at 12:38 PM

SR

“ Royce was always a ray of sunshine to me : he would always make you smile or laugh! He was always honest about any mistakes he made in life but he was an inspiration because we all looked up to him. He was a great man and a gentle man.. He impacted everyone who met him and will be greatly missed. What surprised me the most was he was a rocker who loved the group Kiss so every time I hear a Kiss song I will think of you Cookie.. my thoughts and prayers go out to his whole family!

Susy Rosonke - December 05, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Royce was my brother-in-law and a good friend. He was always glad to see me. The last time I saw him was at the Yamboree Gospel Stage where he greeted me with a big hug. I treasure that memory. My children and I remember him with much love. We love you, Betty, Karen and Mike, and Darrell. We love you too, Diana, David, and Hannah.



Ruby Denton - December 05, 2018 at 10:46 AM

GA

“ Royce will be missed by all that new him, a great gentleman and a good christian man. Prayers go out to the family. Gary Arneson

GARY ARNESON - December 05, 2018 at 09:37 AM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and love you all.

Sheila Pool & family

Sheila Pool - December 05, 2018 at 09:32 AM

CC

“ We are so sorry for your loss!! Please accept our deepest condolences!!

Clifford had Glenda Culberson

clifford Culberson - December 05, 2018 at 08:18 AM

BR

“ Beverly Renzetti lit a candle in memory of Royce Cook



Beverly Renzetti - December 05, 2018 at 12:54 AM

BR

“ Uncle Royce was always kind and he was a gentleman, known and respected by many in East Texas community. I'm going to miss him, too. Can't imagine our family gatherings without him. He always did his part to make everyone feel welcome. I remember being home for our Bivins family reunion a few years ago. Uncle Royce led the singing when we sang a few hymns. He did so in a quiet humble manner, but we knew he believed the words we were singing, as did we. I believe the last hymn we sang was, Til We Meet Again. How touching now to remember. We all felt sincere love from Uncle Royce. And we still will, Til we meet again. We love you, Uncle Royce.

Beverly Renzetti - December 04, 2018 at 11:49 PM

HE

“ I'm so sadden of your passing. But I know your in a better place and having a great reunion! It's not good bye. It's until I see you again! I love you Aunt Betty, Darrell and Karen!

Heather - December 04, 2018 at 09:26 PM

JH

“ Uncle Royce will be missed for a very long time to come. I will always see him at the family gatherings quietly observing and listening. He always had a good listening ear. In his home I will always hear him saying, “Come back to see us and stay as long as you want; we love having you here!” He was a perfect example of kindness, sincerity, and humbleness. He will always be greatly loved. I know he took love and memories with him as he departed to the next life.



Janell Hill - December 04, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Royce Cook.



December 04, 2018 at 08:58 PM

 Jeff
Vines

“ I sure am gonna miss this guy. He was a great man and a good friend. I am honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time. Rest in peace ol buddy and save me a seat up there. Until we meet again



Jeff Vines - December 04, 2018 at 07:01 PM

MW

“ *Being working with him for along time. He will be missed by all that knew him, but we have great memories of him. So sorry but at least heaven got a great soul*



Myrtle wilson - December 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

CB

Royce was always very much a gentleman and pleasure to work with. He will be missed by all. Condolences to the family.

Carol Barksdale - December 04, 2018 at 08:17 PM

EC

Mr. Royce will be missed, we all at FVS enjoyed chatting with him when he brought our parts. It was a honor and pleasure to know him. Prayers for his family and friends.

Emma Carpenter - December 05, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ *Prayers for the Cook Family. He was a good man and will be missed by many. Don & Maria Barnes C&B Shoe Repair*



Maria Barnes - December 04, 2018 at 05:19 PM