



Dennis Cook

November 26, 1948 - May 7, 2013

Loris...Dennis Earl Cook, age 64, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

Mr. Cook was born in Conway a son of the late Lester Rufus Cook and the late Pauline Ray Cook. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving in the Vietnam War and was a member of Loris First Baptist Church. Mr. Cook taught at Loris Middle School for over 20 years and was a coach. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Mr. Cook enjoyed music, playing guitar and other instruments as well as singing, cooking, and playing golf. He never met a stranger, was always willing to help others, and was loved by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Steen Cook of Loris; two sons, Daniel Cook (Marina) and Jim Cook of Loris; two brothers, Harold Cook (Hilda) and Ricky Cook (Cindy) of Lancaster; two sisters, Rachel Helms (Michael) and Janice Moore (Terry) of Lancaster; and five grandchildren, Camryn Cook, Kaitlyn Cook, Austin Cook, Felix Cook, and Kaya Cook all of Loris.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Loris First Baptist Church with Rev. Drew Jackson, Dr. Jim Mezick, and Rev. Hunter Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Burial will follow in the Happy Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Loris First Baptist Church, Music Ministry or General Fund, 3117 Main Street, Loris, SC 29569

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loris First Baptist Church
Main Street
Loris, SC 29569

Service

MAY 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Loris First Baptist Church
Main Street
Loris, SC 29569

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Thank you poppy for being such an amazing and loveable grandfather, I still miss making brownies with you all the time, and I would get to lick the batter even though it was raw. I know you loved music and guitar mostly, I'm sorry guitar isn't my passion but I did get into the ukelele and I love singing now, I even made my own songs! I love you so much and wishing you the best up there. I'm 13 now and I still haven't gotten over your passing, it's been 10 years I love you so much. Yours truly
Kaya



Kaya Cook - January 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM

FE

“ Dennis, we still miss you each day. You touched our hearts and our lives. Thank you for being YOU!! We know you are singing in Heaven just like you did here on Earth. There will never be another Dennis!

First Choice Medical Equipment - August 24, 2013 at 06:45 PM

DH

“ Ruby, so sorry to hear of your loss.



Diantha Hill - May 17, 2013 at 11:17 AM

BF

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss. Coach Cook was a great man. He will truly be missed. May God strengthen and bless your family.



Bradley Floyd - May 15, 2013 at 08:04 PM

VS

“ Was so sad when I heard of the passing of Dennis. It took me back to fond memories in Lancaster. God be with you in your time of sorrow and grief. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Vickie Hudson Stokes

Vickie Hudson Stokes - May 14, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ My dear friend and a man who I looked up to as a mentor was buried today. Dennis Cook will be greatly missed. He was and still is a big part of who I am as a coach, a teacher, and a man. Rest in peace Dennis, you are greatly loved, and are a true blessing to all of us who have been touched by your life and spirit. Thank you for being You, and thank God for Dennis Cook.

Rome Prince - May 11, 2013 at 08:13 PM

HH

“ Hannah And Zoe Helms lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



Hannah and Zoe Helms - May 11, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TN

“ Terry Neal and Ronnie Avant, we send our heart felt sympathy to all the Cook family. Dennis was part of our Chesterfield Avenue family, we were all a tight group of kids, growing up together. His memory will remain with us as long as there is one of left. tn

Terry Neal - May 10, 2013 at 06:14 PM



“ Wendy Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



Wendy Outlaw - May 10, 2013 at 05:59 PM

SE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. We all grew up together at Glennwood Heights Baptist Church and lived in the same neighborhood.. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sue Baker Miller
Lancaster, SC*

Sallye Estridge - May 10, 2013 at 04:46 PM

SE

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Dennis Cook. My two brothers, George L (Louie)Blackmon, Ronnie Blackmon and myself Sallye J. Estridge grew up with Dennis Cook. We went to church together and knew the entire family.*

We are so saddened to hear of Dennis's passing. Our Prayers are with all of his family. May God be with you all.

*Sallye J. Estridge
Lancaster, SC*

Sallye Estridge - May 10, 2013 at 01:37 PM

AG

“ *Ashley Gable lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Ashley Gable - May 10, 2013 at 10:59 AM

SS

“ *Steve & Gloria M. Small lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Steve & Gloria M. Small - May 10, 2013 at 10:06 AM

JL

“ Sorry to hear about Dennis, Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

The LaFoy family

Jeannie LaFoy - May 10, 2013 at 09:23 AM

FS

“ Ruby, Dan and Jim. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Hold fast to the comfort that the promises of our God, Lord and Savior has given us.

Harold, Rachel, Janice and Rick.... Please accept my condolences. I consider it a blessing to have known the Cook family.

Fred Salters - May 09, 2013 at 09:31 PM

CM

“ Chakesta Mccray-willams lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



chakesta mccray-willams - May 09, 2013 at 09:14 PM

JL

“ Mrs. Ruby, Dan and Jim.....Mr. Dennis will Truly be missed. What a special man he was to so many. It seems like yesterday that I was going over to hang out with Dan and Jim or listening to Dennis teach us in church. He was a great man and a special friend. A true role model. Man he could play some good music and was a joy to be around. Heaven has got a great musician added to the good Lords band. Know that yall are in my prayers and my heart goes out to you and the Cook family. God Speed Mr. Dennis....

Jeremy Lupo - May 09, 2013 at 09:14 PM

VD

“ *Valarie Butler Davis lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Cook*



Valarie Butler Davis - May 09, 2013 at 09:11 PM

MV

“ *Marshchell Vereen lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Cook*



Marshchell Vereen - May 09, 2013 at 08:50 PM

FG

“ My heart is heavy right now to know that a great man has gone on to be with the Lord. Mr. Cook was a man of integrity and compassion. He loved all his students the same with no remorse of color or gender. He made sure we did what was required of us in school. I can remember when I was not going to try out for the B-Team basketball team, he told me, "Simon you better be here for tryouts and that's the end of the story!" I did try out and made the team. Mr. Cook would tell me time and time again during a basketball game because my parents were not there due to working, Simon keep your head up, I'm here that's good enough. That alone made a difference in my life to go on and succeed. He was the epitome behind my basketball skills and ability. Mr. Cook taught me all the fundamentals of basketball and how to be a team player and leader. Not only did he love sports he loved what he did for the community. I can remember plenty of days that Mr. Cook along with Dan and Jim would make sure the students that did not have rides to and from practice or a game made it home safe. We all go way back and played as kids and made lasting memories. God made no mistake when he decided to pluck this flower, he knew that best. To the family, I pray that God will strengthen you and give you a peace that passes all understanding. May God Bless you all!

Freda Gore - May 09, 2013 at 08:35 PM

JW

“ I think if you looked up "renaissance man" in the dictionary, you would find Dennis Cook's name and face there. Of course, I knew him best from school and sports. I was in one of the classes who attended LMS for 4 years; so I was able to participate in P/E with him as the instructor all of those years. I probably spent more waking hours with him when I was in eighth grade than I did my own parents. I played three sports that year and he coached all of them. He excelled at teaching the fundamentals of all sports. I believe he was highly underrated as a baseball and basketball coach. The things I learned in one season of organized baseball were unbelievable! I just remember he did it all when he coached those sports. He would not only coach, but drive the bus, wash the uniforms, and maybe keep the score too. I remember how he would teach the "arts and crafts" nights during VBS at LFBC. I also remember going over to play ball or Nintendo with Dan and Jim during the summer and seeing Mr. Cook working on a home improvement project fit for a contractor and having a gourmet dinner prepared while Mrs. Ruby was at work. I will always remember one night when he and a certain local "band" were the entertainment at a celebration that was held in honor of some seniors who were graduating in a few days. He played guitar and sang the lead to Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl." It was really, really cool. I have many more memories and examples of how Mr. Cook not only helped me improve on the field or the classroom, but as a person as well. He was the ultimate volunteer who was always willing to share his resources and serve others whether it be in the classroom, in the community, or church. My heart goes out to Mrs. Ruby, Dan, Jim, and the entire Cook family.

Jay Wilson

Jay Wilson - May 09, 2013 at 08:19 PM

CL

“ *My heart is very heavy with the loss of Mr. Dennis. He was my teacher, coach, and father to one of my closet childhood friends. It has been a very long time since I've had the chance to see him, and I hate the fact I didn't get to say goodbye. My love for Mr. Cook is truly deep and I can't help but remember the good times i shared with him Ms. Ruby, Dan, and my best friend Jim. Thanks for being such a positive influence in my life and letting me share so many special memories with you and Jim. God Bless, and I'll miss you Coach*

Campbell Lovett - May 09, 2013 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Blackburn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Barbara Blackburn Roberts - May 09, 2013 at 06:40 PM

BR

My thoughts and prayers are with the Cook family. May God bless you hand hold you very close during the hard times.

Barbara Blackburn Roberts - May 09, 2013 at 06:44 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Ruby, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Cook. He will never be forgotten. I can still see him just like it was yesterday, standing in front of our PE class having us do warm-ups. He put up with alot from us crazy kids in middle school. Even after graduating, it always put a smile on my face when I would see him walking down Main St and think "that's my teacher". He hadn't changed a bit. He will be missed, but he's in a better place where there's no tears, no hurt...just love and peace. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys during this time and always. --Meredith, Mark, Wilma and Buddy Fowler

Meredith Fowler - May 09, 2013 at 06:00 PM

MS

“ Michelle Strickland lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



michelle strickland - May 09, 2013 at 03:06 PM

PF

“ Saturday I will say good-bye to one of the best friends I have ever had. It was a pleasure playing music with him when we had a band. His entire family are fine and talented people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his love ones and friends. Phi and Joyce Forbis.

Phil and Joyce Forbis - May 09, 2013 at 01:23 PM

DD

To my classmate Dan, as well as Mrs. Ruby and Jim. May God continue to strengthen you at this time. Mr. Cook was a very loving man. He has touched so many lives, I will never forget his beautiful smile. RIP Mr. Dennis Cook, you will truely be missed. Tears of sorrow... Demeatris Davis

Demeatris Davis - May 09, 2013 at 08:34 PM

EP

“ Dan, Jim and family-
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Like so many, Mr. Cook was one of my favorite teachers. I can see him now, in his usual spot with Mr. Jones, cheering on the Lion's football team. He was the kind of person that just made you smile because he was always smiling. It goes without saying that his influence continues to live in all the students he helped mold. I hope you can find comfort in the great memories and legacy he left behind. I pray God's solace and blessings to you all.

Emily Tyler Pace - May 09, 2013 at 10:16 AM

TD

“ Mr Cook was a great man... always had a smile for everyone he ran into. I remember the last time I saw him. I was behind him at the Elementary school as I was dropping off my son. I told him that he was my teacher when I was in school and how nice he was. I wish my sons could've met him. He will be missed... praying for the family.

Tosha Davis - May 09, 2013 at 10:03 AM

AL

“ Mr. Cook will be miss dearly by alot of people. He had influenced and made an impact on alot of people's life. He was my first coach for B-Team football and basketball and he taught me so much about the spot and life. So thank you for the lesson of life that you taught me. My prayers go out to the family, (Dan and Jim) stay strong and know that your father was loved by many.

Andrew Livingston - May 09, 2013 at 09:06 AM

HF

“ *Mr. Cook was one of the first coaches I ever had and I will always remember that smiling face. Praying for his family during this time.*

Heath Faircloth

Heath Faircloth - May 09, 2013 at 08:48 AM

SW

“ *Mr. Cook was a great teacher. He always had a smile on his face. He was a light in this world, and he will be truly missed. Your family will be in my prayers*

Sally Weaver - May 09, 2013 at 08:33 AM

ER

“ *To all of the Cook family, especially Rachel and Janice, you have my deepest sympathy. May God send his loving arms to comfort you during this time. Love, Emmagene Roberts*



Emmagene Roberts - May 09, 2013 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Cook.*



May 09, 2013 at 08:27 AM

CK

“ Cesar Kelly lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



Cesar Kelly - May 09, 2013 at 08:14 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Dixson-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



Carolyn Dixson-Taylor - May 09, 2013 at 08:11 AM

CD

Ruby and your family are in my prayers. I have a copy of the CD (Vibrations) given to me by Janice. This is a difficult time for each of you, May each of you allow God's mercy and peace to give you comfort. Keeping precious memories and sharing those memories Dennis will continue to live within your hearts.

Carolyn Dixson-Taylor - May 09, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ I pray GOD COMforts you all during this sad hour. Mr Cook was a Good Teacher and A good Father. May his work speak for him. I miss him along with others that knew him...May GOD Comfort you and Keep you always

Jevon Bostick - May 09, 2013 at 08:07 AM

EB

“ Coach cook was an awesome teacher and coach. He will truly be missed by all his students. Especially me he taught me so much about the golf game that I will teach my son how to play. Thank you coach cook for everything!!

earl bellamy - May 09, 2013 at 06:36 AM

DH

“ On the day that i saw Mr. Cook in Hills food store in Loris was a special moment because It was all about the hug we shared! Mr. Cook you will be missed but i thank God for all the exercises and fun we had during my Middle school years. Dan and Jim keep your head and faith up! Love you guys!

Dion Swinton Hemingway - May 09, 2013 at 06:09 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss, enjoyed the time I worked with him. Very few people ALWAYS greet you with a smile but Mr. Cook did. May the memories of him make you smile and somewhat ease the pain you feel today and the days to come. I pray God will give you peace and strength that passeth all understanding during this difficult season.
Gwendolyn L. Gerald

Gwendolyn L. Gerald - May 09, 2013 at 12:43 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Mr Cook in several years. He was the coach at Loris Middle School when I was there many years ago. He was a special person. He made us work hard, but still managed to make us laugh also. My heart hurts for the family. Will be praying for you. Blessings to all. Loretta Hodge McCumbee

Loretta Hoge McCumbee - May 09, 2013 at 12:34 AM

BM

“ *Becky Blackburn McDowell lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Becky Blackburn McDowell - May 08, 2013 at 11:25 PM

 Shirley Brown

“ *To the Cook Family:*

In this difficult time in your life, may you find comfort in God's Word, the Bible. James 4:8 encourages; "Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you."

*My condolences,
Shirley Brown-Acker*

Shirley Brown - May 08, 2013 at 11:04 PM

CP

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss... Coach Cook was the best!! My family will keep y'all in our prayers. He was a very wonderful man, and always had a cheerful word... Sending my love and prayers.*



Catherine (Holliday) Peavy

Catherine Holliday Peavy - May 08, 2013 at 11:01 PM

MG

“ *Mary Grainger lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Mary Grainger - May 08, 2013 at 10:29 PM

DG

“ *Thinking of you all during this loss. May God comfort you all and give you strength to make it through this time. Coach Cook RIP You will forever be in many of our hearts and memories.....*

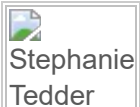
Dana Ganis - May 08, 2013 at 09:26 PM



“ *Emme McGar lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Emme McGar - May 08, 2013 at 09:10 PM



Stephanie Tedder

“ *MR. COOK YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED YOU WAS THE BEST P.E TEACHER. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN ALOT OF PEOPLES HEARTS. MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIS FAMILY. R.I.P*

Stephanie Tedder - May 08, 2013 at 08:59 PM

MK

“ I will keep Mrs. Ruby and the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this very difficult time.
Michele Williams Koonce



Michele Williams Koonce - May 08, 2013 at 07:57 PM

KC

“ Ruby and family, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and cares are with you all. *Fatback and Kathie (Monroe) Carnes.*

Kathie Monroe Carnes - May 08, 2013 at 06:34 PM

RM

“ Man..... My heart is broken. I will surely miss coach. You would away see him driving around town in that medical van always helping others. God bless you coach. WE LOVE YOU. BUT GOD LOVE YOU BEST.

RICHARD McCullough - May 08, 2013 at 06:27 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4

J. Bell - May 08, 2013 at 03:56 PM

 Brenda Stroud

“ When I started Loris Middle, I had always hated Physical Education class but Mr.Cook made it more fun and somehow better. He was always smiling and "in the moment." God bless his family and his decades of dedication to the children of the city of Loris. I will always remember him.

*Brenda Stroud
Loris High School
Class of 2004*

Brenda Stroud - May 08, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JM

“ Ruby and Family, we are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Dennis. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the wonderful memories you hold so dear bring you great peace and comfort.

May God wrap his loving and merciful arms around your family.

Jeff and Nancy Moore - May 08, 2013 at 01:47 PM

SS

“ We will truly miss Dennis and the beautiful voice he always shared when the family was together. Our love to you all. Ray and Susan Stewart

Susan Stewart - May 08, 2013 at 01:43 PM

FE

“ First Choice Medical Equipment lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook



First Choice Medical Equipment - May 08, 2013 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ *Donnella & Rodney Hardee lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Donnella & Rodney Hardee - May 08, 2013 at 12:52 PM

CH

“ *Dink always had a smile on his face! A Good Guy!*

Charles Helms - May 08, 2013 at 12:27 PM

LG

“ *Linda And Ronnie Gandy lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Linda and Ronnie Gandy - May 08, 2013 at 12:17 PM

 Sandee Aiken

“ *Sandee Aiken lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cook*



Sandee Aiken - May 08, 2013 at 11:15 AM

 Sandee Aiken

Sending thoughts & prayers to Ruby & family. So very sorry.

Sandee Aiken - May 08, 2013 at 11:16 AM

PG

“ Very sad to hear the passing of a wonderful teacher, coach and person. Wow, where does one begin? For 20 years, Coach Cook molded the lives of student-athletes at Loris, teaching important lessons of honesty, hard-work, loyalty and character. Regardless of who you were, where you were from or where you were going, Coach Cook wanted you to always handle yourself with class and never forget you were a Loris Lion. I am glad to say he had a tremendous part in me becoming the man I am today. My thoughts and prayers are with his family now and in the future. Thanks Coach for the memories and lessons.

Paul E. Gable IV, Loris High School Class of 2000

Paul Gable - May 08, 2013 at 10:39 AM

FE

“ We are so sad to lose such a wonderful friend and coworker. Dennis was such a good person. He was patient, kind, caring, and a very smart man. It was always touching when his former students would come in the office and they would be so thrilled to see "Coach Cook." He made lasting impressions on many people. He truly touched us and we will always be grateful for the opportunity to be around him. May God comfort the entire family now and in the future. Just know he is no longer suffering and he is in heaven right now singing!! God bless you.

First Choice Medical Equipment - May 08, 2013 at 07:59 AM

MY

“ Ruby, May God wrap his loving arms around you & your family during this difficult time. You all are & will remain in our prayers. Love you, Myra Bellamy

Myra - May 08, 2013 at 07:00 AM