



Gordon Lee Cook

February 21, 2011

Conway, SC Gordon Lee Cook, Col. USAF (Ret.), died Monday, February 21, 2011 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC, at the age of 67. Gordon's 26 year military career as an Air Force pilot included a tour in Vietnam as well as assignments flying C-123, C-141 and C-5 aircraft. Gordon was also an avid golfer, military history buff, and known for his wry humor. However, the true passion and joy of his life was his family. As a young family, Gordon loved taking Marilou and his daughters, â€˜his girls', to Disneyland and later Disney World. This grew into a family vacation ritual that was shared throughout their adulthood. When the grandchildren came, this joyful tradition continued. Gordon would encourage and attend Alyssa's performances, help design and build Andrew's Lego creations, and babysit and enjoy Matthew. While his own daughters and their families were his pride and joy, Marilou remained the love of his wonderful life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Gordon will be remembered for all of this and for his deep commitment to God and country. Gordon is survived by his wife, Marilou Cook, his two daughters: Kristin Joy Hudenburg and husband Michael John Hudenburg of South Riding, Va. and Col. (S) Laura Lee Lenderman and husband Lt. Col David Michael Lenderman of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and three grandchildren: Alyssa Joy, Andrew Michael, and Matthew Cyr Hudenburg, all of South Riding, Va. He is also survived by his father and stepmother, Bernard and Charlene Cook of Corpus Christi, Texas; and sisters, Janet Aiello of Brewster, NY and Charla Kay Hoernemann of Middletown,

Ohio. He is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Olive Cook. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Saturday in the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. Burial will be in ArlingtonNationalCemetery at a later date. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please take time to celebrate Life with those you love, support our troops, or find a way to honor our veterans who have served and are serving this great Nation. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of you and your family as you walk through this sad time and sending our deep sympathy. May God give you the needed strength (Ps.34:18)and comfort with each new day. Gordon touched the lives of others and will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##The Kindred Family##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 03:41 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Gordon's passing. Please know that our hearts are with you. Bev & Ken##imported-begin##Bev & Ken Batchellor##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:42 PM



“ A dear friend, who gave so much and died too young !##imported-begin##Ron and Sara Evans##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 02:10 PM



“ Mary Lou, God bless you and your family in your time of loss and remembering. I read his obituary, and even-though I didn't know him personally, he was obviously a loving and well-loved man. You have many family members to share your life with. How fortunate you are. Much love, Rita##imported-begin##Rita Johnson##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:42 PM



Setelah membacanya, saya memang tidak mengenal secara pribadi dengan bapak Gordon walaupun saya hanya mengenal melalui media sosial, dengan melihat foto profilnya, bapak Gordon Lee Cook adalah seorang pria yang penuh pengabdian terhadap negaranya, penuh cinta dengan anak-anak dan keluarganya dan lingkungannya, semoga amal baiknya selama ia hidup akan mendapatkan tempat yang layak dan menikmati hidup abadi bersama para kudus di surga. Dan semoga anak-anak dan keluarganya mendapat kekuatan dan penghiburan dari Tuhan, - Beni Jeheo

Beni Jeheo - September 30, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ Dear Marilou, and Family My family's thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm not sure if I got to meet Gordon. What I know of you, he would have been the light of your life. May his memory always bring you sparkles! Know that we all keep you in our hearts. Victoria, Lars, Noah Ketil Nilsen##imported-begin##Victoria Nilsen##imported-end##

February 27, 2011 at 07:04 PM



“ Uncle Gordon, we are filled with joy to have had such a wonderful father, grandfather, and uncle in our lives. Thank you for inspiring Eric to pursue a military career and for all of the pleasant memories of Dover, Scott Air Force Base, and Springfield with you, Aunt Marilou, Kristin, and Laura. Your family, your friends, and your country all miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Eric, Mary, and Kitty Hoernemann##imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ Just left the celebration of Gordon's life. It was a joy to be with family and friends. It was just the way I think he would have wanted us to remember him. I love you & miss you, your little sister, Charl###imported-begin##Charla Hoernemann###imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 09:38 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathies to you and your family, Marilou.###imported-begin##Mary & John Hardwick###imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 02:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Gordon's passing our prayers and thoughts are with you. He will be missed by many. We have enjoyed keeping up with your family through the years with your newsletters. Sincerely Gene and Judy Seibert###imported-begin##Eugene and Judy Seibert###imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 01:31 PM



“ How I will miss that man of few spoken words but an outpouring of online humour, politics and beautiful scenic views. My family and friends will be the poorer for not receiving them from me. Marilou, my heart is with you and I hope through your beloved family and theatre you will find ultimate solace as I once did, Love Sue###imported-begin##Sue Feeheley###imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you, Marilou and family. We know how much FAMILY meant to Gordon. We met up with him on Burning Ridge Golf Course a few years ago and he was so proud to introduce us to his granddaughter, Alyssa. By viewing the guestbook, we can see that his life impacted people all over the USA--what a tribute to a fine man.##imported-begin##Rick and carol Borkowski##imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ My Dearest Marilou~ I just wanted to extend my sincere condolences to you, Kristen, Laura and the rest of the family. I will always treasure the times I got to spend with Gordon and the ways in which he welcomed me and my family into your home. Life will be different but I know that you have such wonderful memories that I hope will sustain you. Our love and prayers are with you and yours now and always. Love~ Cheryl, Chayton and Evan##imported-begin##Cheryl Scott-Mouzon##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 08:22 PM



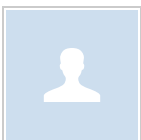
“ We were very saddened to hear of Gordon's death, and deeply regret that too many years have passed since our paths have crossed. There were many good times as kids, sliding down the big hill in the snow or down the stream bank on Giltner Drive, along with the never ending games of hide and seek. I always admired Gordon's success at driving the "big machinery" that was such an important part of his life. We have made a contribution to the Honor Flight program in Gordon's name. This charity has been very active in our community, raising funds to take vetrans to visit the WWII memorial in Washington DC. We hope the time will come when other family members can gather again. Gale and Mary Seibert###imported-begin##Gale Seibert###imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 08:02 PM



“ I've only had the privilege to know Gordy for the last five years, but the impact he made on me made it seem like I knew him forever. He was always honest to family and friends and fun to be around. I learned a lot from the Col. and will treasure his friendship forever. Jack###imported-begin##Jack Middendorf###imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 07:33 PM



“ My memories of Gordon are his kindness, humor, and thoughtfulness as a friend to all of Marilou's colleagues and friends. He was always welcoming as a host to their home, and his love for Marilou and his family were so clearly evident. I know this is a shocking loss, and all of you - Marilou, Kristen, Laura, and the rest of the family - have my sincere condolences. Love to you and prayers for your strength. With love and sympathy, Theresa###imported-begin##Theresa Farrell Cover###imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 06:29 PM



“ Dear Marilou, My thoughts and prayers are with you today. Know that all of us keep you in our hearts. Jane##imported-begin##Jane Cooke##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Marilou and family, My love and prayers to you and your family. My deepest sympathy for your loss. I am blessed to have known you and Gordon from my Franklin family years and beyond. Gordon's legacy lives on in his daughters and grandchildren. May loving memories comfort you always. Love, Moosa##imported-begin##Moosa Shah##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 04:31 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with this wonderful family in honor of an amazing human being. God bless you all! Hugs, Pam Thompson##imported-begin##Pamela Thompson##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 03:26 PM



“ Dear Family, Verne although his memory is not the best, understood when Gary told. He called back several times and wanted us to send you a card. Gordon was his only nephew until the nieces married. We all appreciated your concerns when we lost June. Verne Seibert##imported-begin##Verne Seibert##imported-end##

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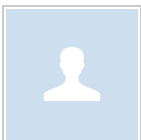
“ Marilou and family we offer our prayers and condolences, Gordy was so proud of you and rightly so. We shared an intense and exciting history together for a couple of years, From pilot training (Gordy was the first friend I had in the Air Force), to Eglin , to Viet Nam in the same C-123 squadron. Many memories there.. Then life separated us for many years and Lo and behold like a bolt out of the blue we connected again through those amazing daily emails. Those became a touchstone reminding me of Gordy's humor, love for his family and his patriotism. One of our Pilot training class buddies put it this way" Gordy just took his final flight before we did." He was a good friend and I will miss him dearly. Bill Elliott###imported-begin###BILL ELLIOTT###imported-end###

February 25, 2011 at 08:55 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. We think back of Holidays at Grandpa and Grandma Johnson's home, and visits to Ohio to see your family. We remember sending Labor Day weekend with your family in New York. We have enjoyed the golf Christmas cards and e-mails. Our prayer and thoughts are with you. With Love. Cousin Gary and Nina Seibert###imported-begin###Gary & Nina Seibert###imported-end###

February 25, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss and hope your many memories will help in lessening your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Sharon Paradise###imported-end###

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all your family and lots of hugs to ease your sorrow. Take care.##imported-begin##Joanne Johnston Ferrary##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 11:14 PM



“ Pam, Melanie, and I have many fond memories of Gordon, especially the day he brought us a newborn kitten that had been born under the driver's seat of his car. We had a mother cat with new kittens and she took in this orphan. Eventually that kitten and one of ours moved down the street on Windy Way to be members of the Cook household. Loved the trips to Disney World, too.##imported-begin##Judith Olsen##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences on learning of this untimely loss of a very good friend. unthelet uf##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. J.M. Oppenheim##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 06:20 PM



“ Marilou please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your husband. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May God's love be with you!##imported-begin##Dennis Yarman##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the Cook family in your great loss. We hope and pray that you will find much comfort in blessed memories, as I know they are numerous. All of you were his greatest legacy. Remember that many people have you in their hearts and prayers. Love and prayers, Pansy Bigham###imported-begin###Pansy Bigham###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to all of the wonderful family. Gordon was a true friend. A man of few words. When he spoke it was always one of two things; either extremely smart or extremely funny. I will miss your 126 daily emails, the once monthly Air Force magazine that you would kindly forward to me (never could figure out if you actually read it before passing it to me, it was always in such pristine condition), but most of all I will miss you. Rest in Peace, my friend.###imported-begin###Thomas Barry###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 12:04 PM



“ Hello Lou- If you need ANYTHING please call me. Janie has my number. Even to just cry, yell, curse...Anything.. Love you sond###imported-begin###Sondée Kalama###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ To the Cook Family: I am a neighbor of yours who heard about the loss in your family and I am truly sorry, I would like to share a scripture found in Gods Word the bible to bring your family much needed comfort found at Revelation 21:3,4 which reads: With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:"Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. May peace be with your family, my condolences.##imported-begin##Christine Jackson##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, but am glad to have had the opportunity to meet such a loving and wonderful person.##imported-begin##Sybil Lee##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 08:12 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Cook's passing. He was a customer of mine when I owned Mail Boxes Etc. He came in often to ship packages to his family. He seldom smiled but under that gruff exterior was a good man. Sorry for the loss.##imported-begin##Janice Colonna##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 07:34 AM



“ Condolences to the family. The Col. was a great man and a great American. You ladies need to know how he would beam with pride when he would talk about Marylou and his daughters. I enjoyed many beers and talks with him, but never came close to beating him at golf. He also helped me alot when my father passed away. Hope they are on the tee box together right now. God Bless.##imported-begin##Tracy Hahn##imported-end##

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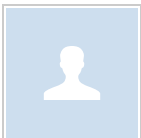
“ Thank you for your service sir. Land of the free because of the brave. Prayers that God will comfort your family and fill their hearts with joyful memories and the hope of reunion in Heaven.##imported-begin##Beth Edwards##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 03:48 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss. Your in our prayers.##imported-begin##Eileen (Mullane) Goltra##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 08:35 PM



“ I will never forget his droll sense of humor , his delivery of the toast at Jane's wedding and the chemistry between Mary Lou and him. I am so sad for all of you##imported-begin##Carollee Shea##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ Gordon's passing was a shock. My deepest sympathy goes to the family. Being a distant cousin I had not seen Gordon except in my very young years. But over the past several years we had been on a "daily" emailing back and forth and I got to know how well he loved his family and Country and his concerns of where we are going as a nation. We became friends also do to our total agreement on those things. Gordon is on the journey we will all eventually be on. I wish him the best and hope we see one another in the future. God Bless Gordon.##imported-begin##Charles (Bud) Cook##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 05:11 PM