



Eldon V. Cook

October 22, 1926 - June 23, 2016

Eldon V Cook, 89, of Olathe, Kansas formally of Stilwell and Kansas City, Kansas died peacefully at the Olathe Hospice House Thursday evening June 23, 2016. On June 9 he suffered a massive stroke while having lunch with a dear friend in Versailles, Missouri. The complications from that event were more than his body could repair. He was a wonderful husband, dad, papa and friend. Funeral services will be held 11:30 am., Wednesday June 29, 2016 at Maple Hill Funeral Home 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. Friends may visit the family prior to the service from 10-11:30 am at the chapel. Burial will follow services at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Eldon was born October 22, 1926 in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Geneva Linaweaver and Clyde Cook. He grew up in the Argentine area of KCK and graduated from Argentine High School in 1945. On January 20, 1951 he married Gloria Ann Beach whom he had met at the Argentine/Rosedale football game on a blind date. Together they had two children, Debra Ann and Marc Eldon.

Eldon was an area home builder and real estate developer. The Cook and Southerland Construction Company was a partnership formed in 1955 and for over forty years built homes all over the greater Kansas City area. In 1985 Eldon retired from building, but continued assisting his son and son-in-law with their business, as well as the development of River Ridge Farms until the mid-1990's.

Gloria Cook passed away four days shy of the couple's 50th wedding

anniversary. Because of deafness he had suffered as a child, Eldon decided to have the Cochlear implant procedure so that he could maintain an active life. It was at the Midwest Ear Institute that he met his second wife, Mary Lee Miller, also an implant patient. Eldon and Mary were married on June 8, 2002 in Topeka, Kansas.

Eldon loved boating and fishing and anytime he and Gloria could get away you would find them at their home on the Lake of the Ozarks. He received his 50 year membership pin from Ben Hur Lodge #322; was a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite and a member of Overland Park's Abdallah Shrine. He also was a long time member of the Turner Lion's Club and a past member of the Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Gloria and his brother Harold. Survivors include Mary of the home, his children Debbie (Steve) Dice of Fontana; Marc (Tracy) Cook of Stilwell; grandchildren Steve Dice, Jennifer Williams, Travis Carpenter, Brad Cook, Haley Cook and five great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn this loss are Mary's children Becky Miller, David Miller, Carl Miller; and granddaughters Carly Foley and Amy Carpenter. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Children: 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Eldon V. Cook*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 27, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ *Eldon V. Cook*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Eldon V. Cook*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *As a River Ridge resident since 1980, and a former Homes Association member, I have many fond memories of Eldon. But memories gone beyond that! He was always such a helpful and kind person who would do anything for anyone! Our paths did not cross so much in past years which I regret, but he and Gloria bring back many wonderful Memories (and I enjoyed seeing the pictures posted here).*

Nancy Brown - July 10, 2016 at 08:39 PM

Leigh
Monthey

“ Eldon was such a joy. He was always willing to share of himself and his time. He brought happiness to the people who knew him. - Leigh Ann Monthey, Cochlear



Leigh Monthey - June 28, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Eldon V. Cook.



June 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 27, 2016 at 02:22 PM

SD

“ Site Projects Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eldon V. Cook.



Site Projects Department - June 27, 2016 at 10:41 AM

MF

“ Eldon was a gentleman and a friend to everyone. He was always interested in you and what you were doing. He made you feel completely at ease when you were with him. We will miss him.

Mike and Nan

Mike and Nan Falkner - June 26, 2016 at 09:30 PM

CC

“ Eldon was a very special person. Loving, always a smile, charming - couldn't help loving him. He will remain alive in my heart always!
- Carolyn W. Cameron

Carolyn Cameron - June 26, 2016 at 06:35 PM

SM

“ St. Mary Magdalene purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eldon V. Cook.



St. Mary Magdalene - June 26, 2016 at 03:52 PM

BL

“ *Eldon was a true gentleman and a gentle man. We enjoyed hearing him working in his garage and preparing his tools to go work on the church he and Mary attended. We will miss his sense of humor and his cocky little smile across the driveway from us. God bless and keep the family.*

Bob and Janey Leeka

Bob Leeka - June 26, 2016 at 01:29 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Eldon was always thought of and talked about with kindness. He was a very good friend to our Dad, Howard, when he worked for him and they carried on their friendship to the very end. He will be missed.*

The Mitch Rusk family

Mitch Rusk - June 25, 2016 at 05:56 PM

BL

“ *As a resident of Cedar Lake Village I always enjoyed seeing Eldon and he never failed to smile and greet me. We will all miss him. I will be unable to attend the services, but I will surely be there in spirit. Understanding Sympathy to sweet Mary and family.*

Betty J. Lutz

Betty J. Lutz - June 25, 2016 at 08:23 AM

GE

Our hearts go out to Mary and his family. Eldon was lovable and inspiring. We were best friends as soon as we saw each others cochlear implants. Rest in peace friend. We love you.

Kim and Don Gerhardt

Gerhardt - June 25, 2016 at 02:05 PM

MP

*Our sympathy and love to Mary and all the family
Marsha and Charles.Puckett*

Marsha Puckett - June 25, 2016 at 06:53 PM

RF

*Worked on several building projects with Eldon through our church.
Loved working with Eldon - I always learned something new. Just a
great person. My heart goes out to Mary and his family.*

Rick Fite - June 26, 2016 at 07:58 PM

SC

*Our Condolences to Mary and Family. I always enjoyed seeing Mary
and Eldon at Our KC Cochlear Community group meetings and hearing
stories about their life. They were such a sweet and cute couple.
Prayers sent for you Mary.*

Sherry Cox - June 26, 2016 at 10:43 PM

MG

*I'm so sorry, Mary! Eldon was so kind to us, and always willing to help
out. I remember when he came over to help Jim and Jay cut a tree
down in the yard. He was always so gracious to everyone. You and
your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
-Mary and Jim Grant*

Mary Grant - June 27, 2016 at 09:01 AM

AJ

Eldon will forever and always be "one of my favorite people".

Arnetta Johnston - June 27, 2016 at 06:37 PM

AH

*Mary, I will continue to remember you and Eldon sitting together in
church, strong and united in love and in faith. May God continue to
surround and fill you with love, comfort and strength. Alan Harris*

Alan Harris - June 28, 2016 at 09:23 PM