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Richard E. Cook, 79, of Clinton, died Friday, April 9, 2010 at Mercy Medical Center, North Campus, Clinton.

A Memorial Gathering will be from 4:00-7:00pm Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Richard Erwin Cook was born on January 2, 1931 in Pueblo, Colorado the son of Merriam and Bertha (Gwin) Cook. He married Ruth Rost on February 4, 1955 in Orange, Texas, to whom he was devoted to for over 55 years. Richard was a 1949 graduate of Pueblo Central High School. He then graduated from Yale University in 1953 and later received his MBA at St. Ambrose in 1987.

Richard was employed with DuPont for over 40 years retiring in 1994. Anyone who knew Dick, knew he loved his family, and fishing in Colorado a close second. After retiring from DuPont, Dick taught classes at Clinton Community College for several years. Countless hours were spent volunteering for RSVP and SCORE helping prepare taxes and assisting seniors with Medicare advice. Dick set the standard for a gentleman and a scholar. "I don't have time" or "I can't help" were not in his vocabulary. Kindness and patience were hallmarks of Dick's existence. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and the hundreds of others whom he helped through his many years of volunteering. Richard is survived by his wife: Ruth of Clinton; one daughter: Susan Christine (Stephen) Hawkins of Richmond, Virginia; two sons: David (Karen Houston) Cook of Clinton, Iowa; and John (Lora) Cook of Appleton, Wisconsin; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; one brother: Dr. Donald (Elsie) Cook of Greeley, Colorado and several nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, and one daughter: Carolyn. The family requests that memorials be made to RSVP.



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DS

Don And Patricia Sima posted:

To Ruth, Christy, David and John, We were so sorry to hear the news of your loss. Dick was a special kind of guy, in so many ways. He was so kind, caring and had such a POSITIVE attitude about life. We know he was a loving husband and excellent father, as well as being good friends with everyone who knew him. Our hearts go out to you and all your family at this very painful time and we will all miss him..... he was a GOOD GUY!!!With Sincere Sympathy,Patricia and Don Sima

April 8 at 7:00 PM

CC

Craig Cherry posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Cook. His son John and I were classmates in elementary school, and I have many fond memories of him from my early years in Orchard Heights. Looking back, I'm really impressed at how involved Mr. Cook was the activities of his children and their friends. Whether he was leading a scout meeting, helping us build and launch model rockets or taking us sledding in the winter, Mr. Cook was always a great mentor and role model for us kids. He was a very special person with a great intellect and warm, easy-going personality. He will be greatly missed.

April 8 at 7:00 PM

TB

Tim Brosseau posted:

Since I was a little boy I remember the sight of the farm house we all know and love. Dick was a very special man that "everyone should have met" and his memory will live on through his volunteer work and all the great things he did for our family. We were lucky enough to visit him and Ruth this past Christmas and that is how I will always remember him. Timothy Michael Brosseau.

April 8 at 7:00 PM

DB

Deborah Brosseau posted:

As we try to adjust to life with out Dick I am struck by memories from childhood into middle age. He was my second father, my hero many times over. He believed in family ,friends,responsibility and dedication to whatever job he was doing at the time.He always gave his best.He and Ruth provided a home that was a haven for anyone who needed it, and we all did at one time or another. He always steadied the ship for us .I will never forget him and I know how much richer my life and that of our family has been because of dearest Dick. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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MB

Marion Marich Blackburn posted:

Dick and I played the flute in both Band and Orchestra for the 4 years of High School. Dick was first chair. Miriam Wiley joined us in a flute trio for part of that time. The three of us would travel to Denver, CO for lessons with a terrific instructor. This was a most delightful time for the three of us. I never saw Dick get angry or discouraged. He always had a smile on his face and was a great athlete. I will miss the notes we've exchanged via e-mail these past years. I would like the family to know that they are remembered in my thoughts and prayers. Marion

April 8 at 7:00 PM

BH

Bev Haiar posted:

my condolences to the family. He was a big help to me when I had a problem with Medicare

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BC

Bemis Clysar posted:

Everyone on D-shift is sorry for your loss. Richard always had a big smile on his face. He always knew exactly where to find the paper work that you needed and could find it very quickly. He will be greatly missed by all.

April 8 at 7:00 PM

MH

Mike & Tammy Hoes posted:

We would like to pass along our sincerest condolences on Mr. Cook's passing. We will be keeping your entire family in our prayers during this especially difficult time. Mike & Tammy Hoes

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BT

Bob Trevithick posted:

Dick was at the very top of the list of "GOOD FRIENDS" Bob

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Anonymous posted:

May your fond memories keep Dick's spirit alive in your hearts forever. Keeping your family in our prayers at this difficult time,

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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