



Bernard John Cook Jr.

April 12, 1933 - August 9, 2016

Cook, Bernard John Jr., age 83, of West Bloomfield, formerly a longtime resident of Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills, passed away on August 9, 2016. He was born April 12, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Bernard Sr. and Adelaide Cook (née Bednarz), first generation Polish immigrants whose original name was Kucharczyk. He graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1951 and married Mary Ann Ruth Jensen on February 25, 1956 in Detroit. Mary Ann preceded Bernard in death, passing away in December 2015.

Bernard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and then graduated from the Philpot School of Body Drafting in 1959. He held design engineering positions for General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation. After 28 years at Chrysler, Bernard retired to pursue his passion for dealing antiques with Mary Ann as The Cellar Dwellers. For over 17 years they maintained booths at Holly's Water Tower and Northville's Knightsbridge antique malls. Bernard was particularly interested in antique furniture and old toys.

Bernard's other passions were automobiles and Detroit Tigers baseball. His summers were spent restoring vintage automobiles in the garage and listening to the Tiger's radio broadcasts. His favorite restorations were a '58 Porsche and a '62 Thunderbird. His favorite Tigers moment was their 1968 World

Series comeback victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bernard's children and grandchildren were his world and he relished the time spent with them. He was the loving father of John (Katie) Cook, Greg Cook, Vince (Annette) Cook, Kris (Dave) Smith, Jerome (Lisa) Cook, and the late Colin (Diane) Cook; proud grandfather of Daniel and Chris Cook; Kimberly (Jeff) Timmington and Karla Cook; Jule and Jonas Cook; Michael (Samantha Jandro) Smith; Alison and Matthew Cook; Katie, Nicholas, Audrey, and the late Emily Cook; and great grandfather of Mae Timmington and Micah Smith; and brother of the late Hubert Cook.

A memorial celebration of Bernard's and Mary Ann's lives will be held Friday, August 12, 2016 from 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorials appreciated to 'The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

AUG **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

 John
Cook

“ *Dad - you set the bar pretty high as a father and I always aspire to meet your example. I hope your final days were comfortable knowing we were there for you. You and mom will be greatly missed and never forgotten.*

Love John

John Cook - August 13, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bernard John Cook Jr..*



August 12, 2016 at 07:47 AM



“ *7 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Jerome Cook - August 12, 2016 at 05:04 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard John Cook Jr..*



August 11, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard John Cook Jr..*



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“ *John, Vince, Greg, Kris, & Jerome - Your Dad was a special person. I have many good memories of fun times with him, your Mom, and you kids. So sorry to hear this news. My sincere condolences to all of you and your Families. I wish I could be there with you on Friday for your Parents celebration. Love you all, Aunt Andy*

Andrea Jensen - August 11, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard John Cook Jr..*



August 11, 2016 at 09:34 AM