



## Mary Ann Ruth Cook

August 26, 1932 - December 14, 2015

Cook, Mary Ann Ruth, age 83, of West Bloomfield, formerly a longtime resident of Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills, passed away on December 14, 2015. She was born August, 26, 1932 in Wetmore, Michigan to the late Carl and Ruth Jensen. She married Bernard Cook on February 25, 1956 in Detroit. Mary Ann worked for many years as a medical technician and later as a phlebotomy instructor at Ferndale Medical Careers. Along with her husband, Mary Ann was an antique dealer (The Cellar Dwellers) and had booths at Holly's Water Tower and Northville's Knightsbridge antique malls.

Mary Ann's children and grandchildren were her world and she relished the time spent with them. As an avid cook and baker, she always included her grandchildren in an annual Christmas cookie baking party. She aptly honed in on everyone's favorite dishes and kindly hand-wrote recipes for the family. She enjoyed cooking classes at Kitchen Glamour and was renowned for her expansive cookbook collection. Mary Ann also loved Christmas and Halloween and drew from her extensive collection of holiday antiques to decorate.

Mary Ann was hard of hearing her entire life, and often mispronounced words, phrases and proper names. These mispronunciations were a source of amusement to both her children and to herself. Mary Ann's favorite television show was "Three's Company", and she'd often laugh herself to tears at the jokes - even in reruns. She also enjoyed watching cooking shows and classic films, especially those of John Wayne.

Loving mother of John (Loretta) Cook, Greg Cook, Vince (Annette) Cook, Kris (Dave) Smith, Jerome (Lisa) Cook, and the late Colin Cook (Diane); dear sister of Joy Sheldon, Chuck Jensen, and the late George and John Jensen; proud grandmother 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 grandmother of Mae Timmington and Micah Smith. Mary Ann was also very close to her extended family of nieces and nephews and she loved her many pets throughout her life.

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

Memorials appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society (<http://www.michiganhumane.org>) or Scleroderma Foundation (<http://www.scleroderma.org>). Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration

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

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**Royal Oak** - December 20, 2015 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ *We've shared many, many wonderful times with Mrs. Cook and the entire Cook family; always welcoming us with open arms. Great food was always at the table along with great fellowship. Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire Cook Family. With love from John & Kathy and the entire Kantarian family.*

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**John Kantarian** - December 18, 2015 at 04:23 PM

JC

“ *Mom - your smile, generosity, cooking, and love will be greatly missed but always in my memory. Thank you for a wonderful life.*

*Love always,  
John*

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**John Cook** - December 17, 2015 at 05:52 PM

DC

“ As I look back on the almost 30 years I knew Grandma my heart does not fill with grief but with happiness. I remember all of the wonderful memories she left with me, the stories she used to tell, the cookies she used to bake, the decorations she used to keep. I've yet to meet anyone filled with as much love and compassion as her, when we watched Jurassic Park she got upset that the dinosaurs were being mistreated!

Raising six kids is no easy feat and this wonderful family is the legacy she leaves behind, it brings me such joy that she got to meet so many grandchildren and great grandchildren. 27 years wasn't a long enough time to know her but I'll take what I can get and cherish it forever. I know we will all carry on her memory and make her proud.

Miss you Grandma. Love,

Danny

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Daniel Cook - December 17, 2015 at 04:35 PM

KO

“ My heart is so sad for the family and friends of MaryAnn Cook, as today they, and the world, lost such an absolutely beautiful lady. Mrs. Cook, you lit up every room you entered! I always looked forward to seeing you at gatherings at the Smith's home, and I especially loved getting your Christmas cards as they were always so sweet. I will miss seeing you, hearing your adorable laugh, talking about the kids. God surely is joyful at his reunion with you in heaven... keep an eye out for us, will ya?!

Love you so much, our sweet Angel of God, XO

Kim

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Daniel Cook - December 17, 2015 at 03:24 PM

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**Daniel Cook** - December 17, 2015 at 03:23 PM

VC

“ *Hi Mom,*

*I miss you. Although I could not be with you in your time of need, I will always cherish all the great memories that have been gathered over the years with you as the cornerstone of our family. You will be missed by everybody, but you will always remain in our hearts and be remembered as a truly loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law and person. I miss you!!*

*Love always, Vince*

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**vince cook** - December 17, 2015 at 02:44 AM