



Stuart E. Cook

October 25, 1942 - December 31, 2022

Stuart Edward Cook, a resident of Warren, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at the age of 80. The son of Edward and Muriel, he was born on October 25, 1942 in Detroit. Stuart said "I do" to Dianne Firmstone on March 31, 1964, when they eloped in Parchment, Michigan.

Stuart earned his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and his master's degree from Wayne State University. He made his career inspiring young minds at Dondero High School in Royal Oak. Stuart passionately taught military history, AP American history, and sociology. In time, he became head of the history department. Stuart was loved by his students.

At home, Stuart was a war history buff with a robust collection of WWII model airplanes. On his 75th birthday, Stuart was delighted to fly in the turret of a B-52 Bomber. Stuart also collected baseball cards and was an avid reader. He loved cats, enjoyed traveling (especially to England), and appreciated a nice, cold beer. Stuart will be remembered as a sweet, strong-willed, and selfless man.

Beloved husband of Dianne, joined in love for 58 years. Loving father of Carolyn Jeannette (the late Elie) Serour and the late Karin Dianne. Cherished grandfather of Evan and Emili Beauchamp.

Friends and family will gather on Friday, January 13, 2023, from 1:00 to 8:00 pm with a memorial service at 2:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Inurnment at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Tribute Wall



“ I just randomly searched Mr. Cook out of curiosity and was heartbroken to find this. He was, without a doubt, one of my favorite teachers of my time at Dondero.
To this day, I still tell stories about his lesson on the "Anaconda Plan".
Rest in wisdom, Mr. Cook, and thank you.

Paul Keiser - February 20 at 07:58 AM



“ A fantastic teacher, who one day donned a revolutionary war hat, got up on the front desk top, then stepped from desk to desk while reciting his battle plans! Stuart created a blast of a class and instilled in all the importance of history. RIP good man.

Thom Marquard - March 10, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ I'm truly sorry to be seeing this so late, I'm so very sorry to his family. He was a great teacher and became a friend in my young adult life. Sending prayers of comfort.

Charlotte Smith - February 02, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ Mr Cook was a truly unique teacher. His ability to communicate with students and make them comfortable to communicate in return was years ahead of the rest of the profession. My only regret is that I was never able to circle back and talk with him adult to adult. His impact on myself and my peers cannot be minimized. He will live on in my memory. Gordon Maclean - '73

Gordon Maclean - January 19, 2023 at 07:33 PM

DL

I cut so many classes in high school but NEVER cut his class

Dean LeGrand - February 06, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Stuart E. Cook.*



January 12, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Mr. Cook was one of my favorite teachers at Dondero High. His passion, sense of humor, and dedication were unmatched. I will always remember him reciting a poem about the source of saltpeter in the Civil War from urine and him saying "In 1959 the Cubans were revolting, not just because of the cigars, but against the government." I will sorely miss his light in the universe.*

Brandon Peltier - January 12, 2023 at 08:52 AM

TF

“ *The Papas Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stuart E. Cook.*



The Papas Family - January 10, 2023 at 04:43 PM

PS

“ *Students would wait in line to get in Mr Cook’s class. He was very popular and an excellent teacher.*

Patrick Stemas

Patrick Stemas - January 08, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Stuart E. Cook.*



January 07, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ *Jennifer Besanson lit a candle in memory of Stuart E. Cook*



Jennifer besanson - January 06, 2023 at 07:12 PM

RA

“ *Mr Cook was such an inspiration. He taught with such knowledge and enthusiasm. I was lucky to have him for Military History, American Govt and all 4 yrs of homeroom. RIH #CCR #ClassOf1995*



Robyn Anderson - January 06, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Mr. Cook was the best teacher in Dondero, and his loss is felt.*

Marc Montpetit - January 06, 2023 at 04:12 PM

DV

“ *I had Mr Cook for 2 classes and I consider myself to be very lucky. Why? Because I learned valuable information that I used throughout my career and life. Isn't that the epitome of a quality teacher ? I thank him for his dedication and my sympathy to his family.*

Donna Vandermark - January 06, 2023 at 02:44 PM

BB

“ *Best teacher ever!*

Bill Bolyard - January 06, 2023 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ *One of my best and favorite teacher was Mr. Cook. We had a lot of discussions about Life and Sports. I enjoyed his class immensely and I enjoyed our almost daily discussions. He inspired me to do my best everyday. Scott Hornbacker*

Scott Hornbacker - January 06, 2023 at 06:08 AM

SM

“ *Mr. Cook was a wonderful teacher! His military history class was so good and insightful! He made History fun! Condolences to his family!*

Sheilly McNally - January 05, 2023 at 11:36 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Nixon Clouthier lit a candle in memory of Stuart E. Cook



Cheryl Nixon Clouthier - January 05, 2023 at 08:58 PM

CC

I had Mr. Cook for Military History. Never a dull moment. Sometimes he'd be standing on his desk, with a army helmet on and holding a toy rifle and yell, Halt, who goes there. I loved his class.

Cheryl Nixon Clouthier - January 05, 2023 at 09:01 PM

TL

“ He was hands down my favorite teacher at Dondero.
War is spelled with a capital W.
He was a great man.
Terry J. Lauer
Class of 1973

Terry Lauer - January 05, 2023 at 12:25 PM



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January 04, 2023 at 01:38 PM