



Marilyn F. Cook

November 18, 1925 - May 14, 2015

ADRIAN—Marilyn F. Cook, age 89, of Adrian, passed away Thursday, May 14, 2015, at Grand Court, Adrian.

Born November 18, 1925, in Adrian, MI, Marilyn was the daughter of M. Agnes (Gywnn) and Ralph J. Leonard. She graduated from Lyons High School, Lyons, OH with the Class of 1942.

On May 22, 1948, Marilyn married Stanley W. Cook at the Lyons Christian Church, in Lyons, OH. They would have celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this month.

She worked as a bookkeeper with Krieghoff-Lenawee, Adrian, from which she retired. Most important to Marilyn were her family, friends and animals. She loved to read, was a member of the First United Methodist Church, P.E.O. and a volunteer for Hospice.

In addition to her loving husband, Stanley, Marilyn is survived by her devoted daughters, Susan Dilworth of Elk Grove, CA , Barbara Vanderveen of East Lansing; grandchildren, Megan Desy, Angelynn Odom, Joshua Dilworth, Ben, Jon and Sam Vanderveen; five great grandchildren and a brother, Carl (Linda) Reeves of Sand Creek. In addition to her parents, Marilyn was preceded in death by her two brothers.

Funeral services for Marilyn will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Christopher Brundage officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 – 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Marilyn may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn F. Cook*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

MD

“ Just over a month has passed...I miss my amazing gram every day. So many things remind me of her: blooming spring flowers, chocolate, flower dishes, pretty note cards (who sends those any more?), morning doves. What I miss most I can't put into words. I miss being able to call her and ask how to make homemade frosting or how to boil eggs so they peel just right. I miss her telling me I'm her favorite (even though we ALL were her favorite). I miss her laughing and her silly questions. I miss nacho night and staying up into the wee hours talking and reminiscing. I'm afraid I'll forget what it was like to sit on the porch swing, vibrant pink fushias hanging from baskets. I'm afraid I'll forget what it was like to hug her, or her cool, soft hand on my forearm. I'm afraid I'll forget the crazy childhood songs, like "I'm being swallowed by a boa constrictor." I always looked forward to calling Gram and Gramps on Monday morning, giving them a recap of the week. The week always started off right after talking with them. I will miss the Christmas stockings, filled with "practical" items. I will miss her sugar cookies, always arriving unscathed and delicious. I will miss her "candy bar secrets," because the secret was - she loved every one of us unconditionally. The time she spent baking, decorating, and neatly placing each cookie in a separate baggie...She was truly the definition of unconditional love. Gram touched so many lives...and she has made such a difference in my life. Forever am I grateful and blessed to have Gram in my life. Grandma's are special, but mine was the best. Thank you, dear Lord, for giving me the opportunity to learn from her, to hold her, to love her...and most of all, appreciate her.

Her loving grand daughter, Megan

Megan Dilworth-Desy - June 17, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marilyn F. Cook.



May 21, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Marilyn F. Cook.



May 21, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sue has been my best friend for 60 years. When we were little I remember Garfield School, playing in the "doll house" in their back yard & of course the day I fell out of Sue's 2nd story bedroom window! I survived that with not to serious of an injury. Marilyn always made me feel like a member of the family. I cherish those times at the Cook house. She was such a kind lady & I loved going to their house. Over the years whenever Sue could get back to MI we would get together for lunch or dinner & I would always visit with Marilyn & Stan before we went out. Marilyn always was so happy to see me & she'd make me feel as welcome as when I was young. Dan & I would see her & Stan at Culver's a lot in recent years & would always enjoy visiting with them. I feel very lucky to have been able to spend time with her & Stan these weeks before her death. She was a caring, gracious & a very special lady! She will be missed by all who knew her! My sympathy goes out to Sue, Barb & Stan for their loss.*

Barbara Kirkendall - May 21, 2015 at 07:07 AM

DM

“ Deepest sympathies to Stan and family from the Dave Moyer family.

Deb Moyer - May 20, 2015 at 05:33 PM

KG

“ Stan, Sue, and Barb, my heart goes out to you. Marilyn and you all were a part of my happy memories of First Christian Church. Marilyn and I sang in choir together and I remember the fun times we had at church camp. Back in January, I spoke with her. She had sent a note to my mom. When Mom passed away, I called Marilyn to give her the news. Her kindness and support were so appreciated. She was grand lady.
Kim Gribben (Blohm)

Kim Gribben - May 18, 2015 at 08:23 PM

VC

“ Marilyn, I remember when you first came to Lyons school. We became best friends and shared lots of laughs and giggles. Later in high school, we competed to see who could conjugate the most the most Latin verbs. We lost contact those years when we were raising our family, but was happy to resume our friendship, sometimes meeting at Blissfield, halfway between Adrian and Toledo. The last time we were together was about two years when we went to Wauseon to visit another class member. I will miss your positive attitude and infectious laugh. Goodbye, Marilyn. Love, Vava

Vava Campbell - May 18, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MM

“ Marilyn and I worked together as volunteers at Bixby Medical Center Auxiliary. She taught me the ropes when I became Treasurer. She was dedicated in all she did for the auxiliary, was a wonderful, caring lady and will be missed by many. Mary I Miller

Mary I Miller - May 18, 2015 at 06:54 AM

DR

“ Deanna Remily lit a candle in memory of Marilyn F. Cook



Deanna Remily - May 17, 2015 at 09:59 PM

DR

“ I was Marilyn's hairstylist for about 10 years. She told me about waiting for the test results and instead of feeling sorry for herself, she told me what a good life she had had and that she was ready to hear the news, no matter what it was. I enjoyed so many hours with her--- talking about "Hoot", Stan, her precious daughters and grandchildren, Hospice and the Adrian Nursery. She was so sincere, and had the most infectious smile...I have already been missing her these past few weeks. I did not know the test results, but feared the worst the last time she came in for a haircut.. What a sweet, caring woman she was. I feel so lucky to have know this beautiful soul. I am so sorry for your loss. She was so special to me !

Deanna Remily - May 17, 2015 at 09:55 PM

HS

“ Very sorry to hear of the loss of Marilyn. She was an important part of my life as I was growing up. Always a willing ear, and a willing hug when I needed one.

Holly (Cassell) Sharpe

Holly Sharpe - May 17, 2015 at 08:00 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful mother and wife. As a little girl I Always felt like she was my other mom. She put up with the shenanigans of me and Barb and never lost her cool with us. I remember a wonderful chocolate sheet cake she made and called it "whacky cake." Always a smile on her face. That wonderful childhood home will never be the same without seeing her and Mr. Cook sitting on the porch reading. She will always be in my heart

kathy Raines - May 15, 2015 at 07:50 PM

SF

“ Stan, Susan, Barb and family: Marilyn (Mrs. Cook) was a very kind and special lady, the type of neighbor anyone would want to have. I have so many fond memories of her, like the way she always looked so nice, her love for entertaining, her dedication to help others, and our many conversations during the summer months on the front porch swing. Marilyn left a beautiful and lasting legacy and will be missed by all she touched.

Susie Arbaugh, neighbor and friend - May 15, 2015 at 04:49 PM

“ *Hospice volunteers provide comfort at the end of life*

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By Renee Collins

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ADRIAN, Mich.

Marilyn Cook has been a Hospice of Lenawee volunteer for 18 or 20 years, by her estimation. Although her work sometimes is difficult, she finds it rewarding and even enjoyable.

“You get very attached and it’s hard when you see people slip away,” she said. “But the trainers do a great job of explaining what to expect. And afterwards, there are meetings to talk about what you experienced. It’s helpful to talk with others.”

Cook spends most of her volunteer time visiting Hospice patients in the nursing homes. She often will run errands for them or bring them cookies. She also has visited people in private homes.

Right now, Cook visits three people each week at Provincial House.

Not long ago, she said, she had seven people she visited.

“Once in a while, I’ll visit someone twice a week, but mostly it’s just once a week,” she said.

Cook, who is retired from Krieghoff-Lenawee, said she first became involved in Hospice when her father was ill.

“I needed help with my father. My mother had died and there weren’t any volunteers,” Cook recalled. “A friend from church told me about Hospice. So I approached Hospice and asked if I could volunteer so that no one would have to go through that again.”

Paula Robinson, director of volunteers for Hospice, remembers that particular conversation because it occurred when Robinson was hosting the first Hospice volunteer training in Tecumseh nearly 20 years ago.

“Marilyn is very dedicated to being a Hospice volunteer,” Robinson said. “She’s very good.”

Robinson estimates Hospice has about 180 volunteers today. They lend a helping hand in nearly every aspect of the agency, from direct patient care to answering the phone. Training is provided for every person.

“Our volunteers can go into the home or into the nursing home for the patients,” Robinson said.

Office volunteers answer the phones, assemble patient family handbooks and prepare for volunteer events and training programs. Hospice also has volunteers assisting with bereavement counseling, working at the annual bereavement camp and serving as companions for survivors. Other volunteers help with fundraisers.

Training programs include family dynamics, gowning and gloving, privacy laws, confidentiality and patient transfers, Robinson said.

Cook said the training volunteers receive is excellent.

“They do a great job,” she said. “It’s really very helpful and there is refresher training each year where you have to pass tests to make sure you know certain things.”

Although being with a dying person often can be a sad experience, Cook said she finds her volunteer work with Hospice “very rewarding.”

“It’s wonderful to see how much the people appreciate the help,” Cook said. “It’s a chance to meet new people and make a tiny difference in their lives.”

Susan - May 15, 2015 at 02:57 PM

SD

“ Susan Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Marilyn F. Cook



Susan Dilworth - May 15, 2015 at 02:46 PM

SD

“ Mom, If I can be half the woman and Mother you are, that’s good enough for me. I love you. Susan

Susan Dilworth - May 15, 2015 at 02:45 PM