



Stephen Cook

June 15, 1954 - February 12, 2018

Stephen Blaine Cook, of Philomath, died on February 12, 2018 in his home at the age of 63. He was born on June 15, 1954 in Murphy, North Carolina to Blaine and Betty (Swaim) Cook.

In 1972 Stephen graduated from Oakridge High School and then attended Oregon State University. He married Nancy (Basl) Cook in Stayton, on September 18, 1976. Throughout his life Stephen held a few different careers. In the 70's he did survey work in Alaska, he was a lumber mill worker in the early 80s, from the mid 80s to 90s he was an insurance agent and from then on he was a financial consultant.

Stephen was a member of both the Junction City Moose Lodge and the Corvallis Elks Lodge. His hobbies included cooking for loved ones, being a die-hard OSU Beaver fan, camping and outdoors, and playing Santa at Christmastime. Stephen enjoyed morning coffee with "the guys", having strong opinions, and arguing about the state of things.

He is survived by his parents, wife, sisters Kathy Swigert of Newberg and Sharon Krise of New Bern, North Carolina, brother Joe Cook of Coos Bay, son Anthony Cook of Philomath/New York, daughter Amy (Ken) Decker of Corvallis, and grandson Nathan.

Donations in Steve's name can be made to Home Life of Corvallis (<http://homeinc.org>).

A BBQ and Potluck will be held at 1pm on Saturday, June 2nd at 2668 Chapel Drive, Philomath, Oregon.

Previous Events

Luncheon

JUN 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Residence
2668 Chapel Drive
Philomath, OR 97370

Tribute Wall

KM

“ My condolences to the Cook family. I had the opportunity to work with Steve for many years. Steve understood how to leave a lasting positive impression. Although he has passed, I will always be inspired by his infectious smile, laugh, love of life and positive attitude. You will be missed but we were fortunate to have you in our lives.

Kevin McPherson - March 12, 2018 at 01:35 PM

PO

“ I was so sorry to hear about Steve’s passing. Steve and I were colleagues for many, many years, and it just won’t be the same at regional meetings without him. We could always count on Steve to make us laugh, and share good professional experiences. My condolences to Steve’s family and close personal friends—I’m so sorry for your loss.

Patti Oleson - March 02, 2018 at 03:31 PM

DK

“ My condolences. A true friend and wonderful family man. I will miss him immensely. RIP. Love you Steve. Alaska Dan

Daniel Kingsley - March 01, 2018 at 12:55 PM

LJ

“ In the several years I worked with Steve he was more than a favorite co-worker; he became a very dear friend, He had a terrific sense of humor and a deep sense of compassion. He didn't "play" at being Santa at Christmas time, he "was" Santa. I loved that about him. And he really enjoyed bragging about his family, Nanc, Anthony, Amy, Nathan, and of course, his good friend, KimZ. He truly enriched my life and I will miss him greatly.

Linda Jorgensen

Linda Jorgensen - February 28, 2018 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bob Shepherd - February 28, 2018 at 07:06 PM

BS

“ What everybody said about Steve is true...he was honest, loyal, and fun to be around. Politically, he and I disagreed on just about everything, and our wives had to get in between us and stop the conversation every time we started arguing. Still, I enjoyed being with him and I am going to miss him terribly. He was always the life of the party and he was always the colorful person we wanted to be with. Last time we saw Cookie he gave us a bottle of his homemade "Apple Pie", and I'll think of him until the last drop. Steve loved his family and his friends. I know he wanted to leave us with one more "Bite Me", and his huge laugh. I'll see you again some day, my friend, and I know you'll have a cold one waiting for me."

Bob Shepherd - February 28, 2018 at 07:04 PM

SS

“ I have know Steve for many years and was saddened to hear of this loss. He was a great community supporter and will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to the family and friends. Stephanie Smith

Stephanie Smith - February 28, 2018 at 03:22 PM

WJ

“ I had the opportunity to work with Steve for many years. I always enjoyed our visits his sense of humor and stories of small children following him through the store around Christmas time. I know he did a lot of good for many people in many different areas. We will miss him. He will be in our memories a long time.

Ward Jones

Ward Jones - February 19, 2018 at 08:23 PM

JE

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Steve was a great guy and we will always remember his laugh and love of a good time. We hope you find great comfort in your memories of him and being together with each other. God Bless- John and Jane Eberhardt

John and Jane Eberhardt - February 19, 2018 at 05:43 PM

JF

“ I always enjoyed having Steve come to our cross country and track meets to cheer on his son Anthony., who was a state champion for Philomath High. Steve was always positive and supportive of all the runners, and pretty well-informed about our sports as well. Our community has lost a world class guy.

Joe Fulton

Joe Fulton - February 16, 2018 at 04:38 PM

SW

“ Nancy, Amy, Anthony and grandkids,

I was saddened to hear about Steve. Steve was instrumental in my career. I enjoyed sharing an office with him and considered him a friend. The last time I spoke with him he was giving me BBQ tips and telling me that Paul and I needed to come down for a BBQ. We were trying to plan. He was such a good and honest person. I will miss, as I know you will. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. We will come down for the memorial service.

Suzi Williams



Suzi Williams - February 15, 2018 at 10:11 PM

In case no one told
you today:
You're beautiful. You're loved.
You're needed. You're alive for a reason.
You're stronger than you think.
You're going to get through this.
I'm glad you're alive.
Don't give up.

“ *Condolences for the loss of a good man. I went all through school in Oakridge with Steve and enjoyed working with him on class reunions and seeing him at Nutcakes. He will be missed.*

Gayle Woosley - February 15, 2018 at 01:26 AM

TR

“ *He was a good, honest man who I respected for his consult. RIP, Steve.*

Ted Running - February 14, 2018 at 09:28 PM



Very sad to hear of Steve passing. When we move to Philomath Steve and Nancy and the kids were great Neighbors. My daughter made a snowball when she was very young and Steve kept it for years until she graduated and gave it back to her in the same bag he put it in years and years before. Very special memory. Good man gone way too early.

John McKiernan - February 28, 2018 at 08:45 PM