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Thomas L. “Tommy” Cook, 55, of Decatur, died Monday, September 7, 2009.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:15 am Friday, September 11, 2009, in St. Patrick Catholic Church with Rev. Jeff Grant as celebrant. Visitation will be 5:00 ' 7:00 pm Thursday in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with a Vigil Prayer Service at 4:30 pm. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Tommy was born on March 15, 1954, in Decatur, the son of Harry M. and Ruby Haws Cook, Sr. He married Carmelita Osborne on June 17, 1989 in Decatur. He was a member of Ss. James & Patrick Church. He worked for Aramark Co. as a sales representative, and received a top sales award for his region. He was a member and Trustee of the Teamsters Local 279 . Tommy played football, basketball and baseball at Eisenhower High School. Tommy is a member of the Decatur Athletic Sports Hall of Fame, and was a member of the ASA National Champions Fast Pitch Team for ADM, the first team for ASA West Central Regional All Star Team, and the IL State ASA Fast Pitch Championships for Lingenfelters. Tommy was a member of the gold medal winning ADM fast pitch team at the Olympic Sports Festival. He also loved to fish for bass.

Surviving is his loving wife, Carmelita; his parents, Harry M. and Ruby Cook, Sr.; son, Chad Campbell Beth, of Decatur; granddaughter, Kaylee Caldwell of Decatur; grandson, Troy Shepherd Ruby, of Danville; great granddaughter, Amilia Shepherd, of Danville; great grandson, Troy Shepherd; of Danville; brother, Harry M. “Rocky” Cook, Jr. Janice, of Forsyth; sister, Marylou Hay, of Minneapolis; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

The family of Thomas L. “Tommy” Cook is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur.



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PP

Phil Precht posted:

I was a basketball and football varsity manager at Eisenhower High School when Tom was there. He was always a gentleman, and a hard working player in each sport. He always greeted me with a smile and a nice comment of some sort. I just learned of his passing, and I am so sorry. He was one of the absolute best. Phil Precht

February 16 at 6:19 PM

SM

Shelley Deardorff Mcgee posted:

Harry and Ruby, We were so sorry to hear about Tommy. We did not find out about his death until yesterday. The last time we saw Tommy was at Mom's funeral a year ago. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. The Deardorff Family ,

October 3 at 7:00 PM

MW

Mack Wiley posted:

To the Cook Family,I am very sorry for your loss. Tommy was a great person. I remember going into Cook's Sporting goods and visiting with Tommy and Harry, it was always worth the trip. I hope you can find some peace in this very difficult time. God Bless. Macon, IL US

September 15 at 7:00 PM

BG

Bob Gibbens posted:

I am sadden to hear of Tom's passing.Softball times were the greatest.I wish I could of been there but I didn't know in time.My deepest sympathy to the family. Decatur, IL US

September 12 at 7:00 PM



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PG

Philip Galligan posted:

Dear Cook Family, I am deeply saddened by Toms death. I had known Tom since our kindergarten year at Roach school. Our family lived a block over from the Cook family. He my brothers and the rest of our neighborhood enjoyed playing over at Roach school ground, Clokey park etc. Tom and I enjoyed our High School years and after ,playing with and against each other. In our sporting endeavors. Over the years we would bump into each other around town. I had not seen Tom for a couple years, until last summer when my Mom passed away. At the funeral Mass. Tom was in line for Communion. He came up to me, sitting in the pew, and put a hand on my shoulder. I thought that was kind and considerate gesture. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours.
Sincerely Phil Galligan Decatur, IL US

September 11 at 7:00 PM

SH

Shug posted:

I'm truly sorry for our loss, tom was a great cousin and person he always had a smile for everyone and I will miss that smile,but now he is up there with alot of great aunts and uncles, and I'm sure he will keep smiling. We'll miss him alot. Shug Moweaqua, IL US

September 11 at 7:00 PM

DC

Don Clary posted:

I am saddened and shocked to hear of Tommy's passing.My brother, Steve Bolin, and I worked with him in the late 80s at Black's Sporting Goods.I have not seen him in years, but will always remember him as a great guy.Don Clary Peoria, IL US

September 11 at 7:00 PM

BG

Bill & Linda Garrett posted:

Harry & Ruby,We were so sad to hear of the loss of Tommy. May God always keep his loving arms around you both and give you peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family!
Decatur, IL US

September 10 at 7:00 PM



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MV

Matt Vest posted:

Carm, Chad, and family:I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Tommy at Aramark for three years. Tommy made his mark here on earth. Now it is his turn to make his mark in heaven.Warmest Regards to your family through this difficult time. Cerro Gordo, IL US

September 10 at 7:00 PM

LR

Linda Rogers posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We worked together at Aratex for many years. I never heard a harsh word from him, only kind ones and a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Deepest Sympathy,Linda Rogers Decatur, IL US

September 10 at 7:00 PM

SF

Sam Fakes posted:

COOK FAMILYSORRY FOR THE LOST OF YOUR LOVE ONE. TOM WAS A GREAT PERSON TO WORK WITH. TOM WILL BE MISSED. Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

RM

Randy /Jane Malcolm posted:

our deepest sympathies and condolences goes out to the entire cook family for the loss of their loveone, tommygod bless you allthe malcolm family decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

CM

Cathy Mccann posted:

Carm, I am sorry to hear the news — Know you are in my prayers, and many good people are in heaven with him.Cathy Phoenix, AZ US

September 9 at 7:00 PM



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RK

Ricky Knapik posted:

To Tommy's family, I only had the pleasure to know Tommy for 3 years as my "uniform guy". We had short and funny conversations once a week. As the news became known that Tommy was sick I always asked the replacement how he was. Then one week here came Tommy walking in. It was great to see him. We talked a little, and I asked him how does he keep such a great attitude with all that is going on? He looked at me and said, "I had a great life! I got to travel all over the country playing a sport that I loved. I'm not bitter! I'm gonna miss my family, but I can't do anything about it." That was the last time I talked to Tommy. I will remember that attitude! I hope some day I can be so lucky to have that view on my own life. My deepest condolences to the family, and may he rest in peace!RickyIdeal Auto Sales Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

DA

David posted:

Words cannot express my feelings at the loss of Tommy. I only wish I had gotten to know him as a man and only remember him as a boy growing up on Main St, and Galloway Park. God Bless you in this time of grief and may He comfort you. Holiday Island, AR US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

DW

Dianne Wright posted:

The Kids and I are thinking of you will so much love in our hearts. Bless You. Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

DM

Dick And Mary Lee posted:

Dear Carm and Chad, My heart is breaking for you. God is testing your faith again. You have had that testing more than anyone we have known. Ken said he was going to Chad's wedding. You will always be his special lady. We love you and always will. Please feel the love and support as God wraps his arms around both of you during this sad time. Ken has our phone number. Please call when you would like us to come to the house. Love you Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM



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JS

Jan Canellas Schloz posted:

Tom, I always enjoyed your smiling face and fun-loving attitude. I know you are greatly missed by your family and closer friends, but speaking for my clan, we all thought you were a "great kid" all of the 50 or so years we were acquainted. Love and strength to your loved ones. The Canellas Family Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

KE

Kathy Enloe posted:

Marylou, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother Tommy. He was taken much too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Edwardsville, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

BS

Bob Sampson posted:

To the family of Tommy Cook: I was shocked and saddened to learn of Tommy's passing. I remember him from the old store downtown when I was with the H&R. What a nice guy and though that is an overused term, Tommy was the real deal. He will be missed. Sincerely, Bob Sampson Decatur, IL US

September 9 at 7:00 PM

RO

Randy & Cindy Osborn posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Mt. Zion, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM

JD

Julie & Deb, Ups posted:

We were very sad to hear about Tommy. It was always a pleasure to see Tommy's smiling face when he came to make his pick up and delivery. He always had great work ethics, professionalism and acknowledged everyone. Tommy will be greatly missed. Decatur, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM



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DK

Danny Kay posted:

Tom, my man, I know this message will make its way to you. Everyone knows you're one of those guys that everyone can always count on. .. always concerned about the feelings of others....always there to help – what's wrong with you?...ha ha. Seriously, though, you set the example of how I should be. I have never heard you brag about your accomplishments. In fact, you are so funny in telling humble stories of yourself.Cuz, you gave me a competitive spark from early on cause you were so good in sports. Everything I competed in, even in the military, I always thought a moment of you. And I never told you this, but when you were pushing my mom in her wheelchair at the family reunion a few days before she died, I overheard your wonderful, loving words to her. They still really choke me up. Some folks may wonder why this is written in present tense. Well, it's because Tommy, and his gift for helping people, has moved from our presence and into God's presence – and that Tom is still Tom. My guess is that God already has Tom on the payroll of angels. I love you, cuz. FOB Salerno, Afghanistan

September 8 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jim Haws posted:

What a wonderful time we had together, Tom. There was never one word of disagreement between us. I am already missing those times. I am looking forward to the time when I will join you and our spirits can soar across the blue skys together. Decatur, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM

LV

Lucky & Sandy Arndt & Aunt Mary Valle posted:

We will miss Tom alot he was the best. The best cousin anyone could have. I will miss him the most we were not only cousins but the best of friends. He was everybodys friend. Lucky Decatur, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM

JO

Judy Osborne posted:

Carm, and the whole Cook Family, I want to express my sympathy, and wish the many good memories give you strength. Love, Judy Decatur, IL US

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Sid Barringer posted:

Tommy will be sadly missed. You have our deepest sympathy. A Teamster Brother Local "279"
Shelbyville, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM



Denise Nelson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Chad, Denise, and Ella Nelson Forsyth, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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