



Robert M Cook

July 17, 1953 - April 29, 2025

Robert M. Cook, of Riverside, NJ, passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2025, at the age of 71. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Bob was the beloved son of the late Don Harvey Cook and Mary (née Eyler).

A devoted husband to Dr. Carolanne Garstka, Bob is also survived by his loving siblings, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Bob attended Fairleigh Dickenson University, and George Washington University, becoming a senior Engineer for Lockheed Martin, while doing extensive intelligence follow-up for government contracts through the ESS Corporation. He traveled extensively, and when home, had a deep passion for cooking—he was a master in the kitchen, finding peace and joy through preparing large meals and parties for those he loved. He was also an avid Ham Radio Operator, and was President of a local Ham Radio club.

Additionally, he found great fulfillment in intelligence and security work, which took him to Guam and Hawaii, for 28 years, where he conducted training sessions at Motorola Inc. and Andersen Air Force Base. During down time, he was his wife's editor for her doctoral work, and included himself to travel with her, to Arizona, and Florida, during her residencies.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Monday, May 12, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m., with burial at Lakeview Memorial Park, also in Cinnaminson.

The funeral service will be live-streamed at the following link: [<https://www.vie>

wlogies.net/givnish/844-lvhiG?pin=749252].

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to Happy Cat Sanctuary at <https://www.happycatsanctuary.com>.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Park

1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
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info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ I worked with Bob for several years at ESS. I called him for advice from time to time as I moved around the country working for other Motorola shops. One of the best, you will be missed, Bob.

Cameron Russell - February 18 at 10:57 AM

TP

“ Thomas S. Polifka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M Cook.

Thomas S. Polifka - May 11, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert M Cook.



May 10, 2025 at 07:53 AM

KM

“ Kenneth M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M Cook.

Kenneth M. - May 09, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert M Cook.



May 07, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert M Cook.

May 07, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ The only way to get over a death is by seeing it as a life completed, instead of a life interrupted.” I will always treasure the memories I have of Bob rest in peace till we meet again.

Ralf Irizarry

Ralf Irizarry - May 07, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert M Cook.

May 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert M Cook.*



May 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *As I reflect on the many great moments I shared with Bob throughout the years, I am reminded of the significant impact he had on our work and our lives. Whether during customer site walks, bids, acceptance tests, or company meetings and events, his presence was always a source of inspiration and positivity.*

One memory that stands out vividly is when we were crafting a response for a bid for Burlington County. As we collaborated, a group of kittens gathered around, drawn to Bob's warmth and charisma. They playfully crawled all over him and the computer, bringing laughter to our serious task. We decided to take a break and stepped outside, only to find the kittens following him to the porch, down the steps, and right back into the house. Bob truly had a gift for connecting with all beings—he was a true cat whisperer.

Bob was much more than just a brilliant engineer; he was a friend, a mentor, and a beacon of light in our team. His ability to forge relationships and create a sense of community will be profoundly missed. As we move forward, we will carry his memory with us, cherishing the moments we shared and the lessons he imparted. Bob's legacy will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him.

Ted Betz

Ted Betz - May 06, 2025 at 08:34 PM

BH

“ I met Bob on Guam when he was working with Motorola. I always looked forward to his visits. I always look forward to Bob's visits. I always tried to have breakfast with him when he was here. Rest in Peace Bob!

Bradley Hokanson - May 06, 2025 at 07:22 PM

TT

“ The SIAE Microelettronica team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M Cook.

The SIAE Microelettronica team - May 06, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TT

“ The SIAE Microelettronica team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert M Cook.



The SIAE Microelettronica team - May 06, 2025 at 02:52 PM