



## Tom Cook

April 21, 1925 - July 9, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Tom Cook

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Tom Cook, age 80, of Murphysboro, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Century Assisted Living in Carbondale.

He was born on April 21, 1945, to Thomas Alvin and Sarah Juanita (Jones) Cook in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On April 23, 1966, Thomas married his high school sweetheart, Rita Pellegrini, and they spent over 58 years together until her passing in March of 2025.

Tom worked for General Telephone Electric for 30 years as an inside technician. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #702, a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church, and a member of the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and spending time with grandkids and watching their sports

activities. As a lifelong Red Devil fan, Tom also enjoyed many games from the stands and a few years as a freshman football coach. In retirement, Tom enjoyed the time he spent traveling with his wife, Rita.

He is survived by his two sons Garrett (Sheri) Cook and Loren (Kim) Cook; grandsons, Brendon (Meaghan) Cook and Ethan (Madeline) Cook; granddaughters, Sydney Cook, Shelby Cook, Sarah Cook; and nephews, Kevin (Denise) Beavers, Ryan Beavers, and Michael Mifflin,

Along with his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Vicki Beavers; and brother, Delbert Lee, who died at birth.

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM with Father Joel Seipp officiating at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro. Visitation will be held the day of service from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the church.

Interment will follow the Mass at Tower Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Murphysboro Knights of Columbus.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Tower Grove Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
724 Mulberry St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
724 Mulberry St.  
Murphysboro, IL

## Interment

JUL 22. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

Tower Grove Cemetery  
Murphysboro, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tom Cook.* ”



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July 14, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sorry to hear this! I worked with Tom at the telephone company. He was a great guy!* ”

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**Carolyn Ury** - July 12, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *I have a lot of memories of Sonny.His family would visit in Oklahoma We would all gather at granddad and grandmas house.i recall Sonny and I riding a horse in the yard.he fell off and hurt himself.also I remember him falling out of grandads mulberry tree and breaking his arm.He was quite a daredevil.we went to see them in Illinois when I was five or six.My brother Larry was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from Dads 1934 Chevrolet.took us 17 hours to get to Murphys pro from Sperry.i pray for peace and comfort for the family.* ”

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**James (Butch) Briggs** - July 10, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *Very sorry to read this, worked with Tom at different phone exchanges RIP friend.* ”

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**Rodger Riley** - July 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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“ *The world has lost a wonderful person and I have lost my best friend. I will never forget the great times we had together as adults and especially as we were growing up together. I will remember him everyday and forever.  
Godspeed Tom.  
Danny&Fran Wiggs*

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**Danny Wiggs** - July 10, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Danny Wiggs** - July 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM