



Leon Cook

January 15, 1934 - March 20, 2021

Leon Cook was born January 5, 1934 in Evergreen, Alabama to the late Dempsey Cook and Judie Beasley-Cook. He departed this life on March 20, 2021 at his home in Somerset, NJ. Affectionally known to many as “Cook”, “Cookie” or “Unc” he made everyone feel like they were family. He was the middle child of three but at times, he thought he was the oldest by trying to tell you what you needed to do, yes giving out orders, and then at times he acted like he was the youngest pretending he had no clue of what to do. He had an unbreakable bond with his brother Jimmie and his relationship with his sister Callie Mae was like no other. The love they shared for each other was nothing but beautiful.

Leon attended and graduated from the Evergreen School District in Alabama, where he participated and excelled in basketball. After graduating he headed north and landed briefly in New Brunswick, NJ. While, there he met and wed Queen Blount and from that union One child was born. When a job opportunity to advance presented itself, Leon moved to Baltimore, MD. While in Baltimore, he held two jobs at the same time, the Kay Packing Company, and the Wilkes Detective Agency, where he was an upstanding employee.. While in Baltimore, he wed, Rose Gandy-Cook . From this union Eight children were born.

Leon returned to New Jersey and settled down in Somerset NJ, where he met and wed Betty Jane Woodley where they shared a love for 40 plus years. From this union, they shared Two children.

Leon was employed by Ford Motor Company in Edison, NJ for over 30 years. He was proud to say that he helped build strong cars and trucks. He would encourage everyone to buy a Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury. He was also an Entrepreneur. He opened Cook's Deli II in Piscataway, NJ. He wanted to be a staple in the community where people could come and get the small items they needed and of course grab a delicious sandwich while there.

Leon had a strong faith and dedicated his life to doing good. He became a faithful member of Sharon Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Marcus Williams. He enjoyed the fellowship of his church family especially in his golden years. He especially enjoyed listening to his pastor, Rev. Conway C. Johnson Jr. preach.

Cookie was well known and liked in the community. He enjoyed "Talking" ... It didn't matter if you were family, friend, or a stranger, he would debate any conversation. If you stopped by the house, 9 times out of 10 Cook was watching CNN News. In addition to the news, he enjoyed playing any type of card games and going to the racetrack where he always picked the gray horse #5. But if you really knew Cook, you knew how he felt about the "Lottery". Family was special to Leon, he enjoyed spending time together whenever time permitted, whether you were in NJ, MD, VA, AZ, AI or to tell the truth, you could be anywhere, it didn't matter, he would travel. That's how important family was to him. He had many close friends that he shared time with debating or sipping on coffee at McDonalds. There were two relationships that had an unbreakable bond, his special childhood friend, Elroy Matthews of Randallstown, MD and his road partner, main man, Mr. Carl McGhee of New Brunswick, NJ.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents Dempsey and Judie Cook, brother Jimmie L. Cook Sr., children, Leon Cook Jr., Tawanda Cook and Jeffrey Harper, and a great grandson Datoine Smith.

Left to cherish his precious and everlasting memories are: his devoted wife , Betty J. Cook of Somerset, NJ, his dear sister, Callie Mae Gandy of Huntsville, AL, his loving children, Queen Cook-Adkison of Somerset, NJ, Cheryl Cook,

Denese Moore, Roslyn Cook-Smith (Roger), Barbara Williams, James Cook (Monique), Ellis Cook (Nicole), all of Maryland, Paula Robinson (Kevin) of Piscataway, NJ; Twenty-Two grandchildren; Twenty -One great-grandchildren; One sister in-law Juanita Hardy, of Lawrenceville, VA, One brother in-law Sheriff James Woodley, (Geraldine) of Lawrenceville VA; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and lots of family and friends who he loved very much.

Funeral Livestream Information via Zoom

Time: Mar 31, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Previous Events

Walk Through Viewing

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

New Destiny Family Worship Center
1330 Livingston Avenue, Suite 5
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Cook*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Uncle Leon was such a Smooth Man always Dressed and when saw him his favorite words were "How you doing Baby.. My Mom Cathy Shields introduced Uncle Leon to Aunt Betty. Now you will get to Big Cook, Mama Judie m Daddy Dop. Rest Easy Unc until we meet again. From the Shields Family 🎩👼💜😭💔*

Sheryl Shields - March 31, 2021 at 01:31 AM



“ *Extending our sincere condolence to the dear family & friends of Brother Leon Cook. Especially to his wife_ Sister Betty & children. Special sympathy toward his' adopted godfather~Mr. McGhee, whom will sorely miss his 'riding' partner. Smiles. Much blessings of grace to each one of you. Cordially, The Foy.Family~ Somerset, N. J.*

Evangelist.Lillie.Foy - March 30, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison lit a candle in memory of Leon Cook*



Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - March 30, 2021 at 06:50 AM

RD

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - March 30, 2021 at 06:52 AM

LF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lee Family - March 29, 2021 at 07:56 AM

IB

A touch of God's favor. May God blanket you in strength, comfort and peace. This is our prayer for the family and all who mourn. Love, The Craig Family

Iris Bailey - March 30, 2021 at 04:35 AM

CG

“ *With deepest sincere condolences to the Cook family. To Aunt Betty, to his children my cousins, to his only sister Callie Mae Cook-Gandy, and the extended family. I feel the pain, but God is a comforter! May God bless us all as we go through this time of sorrow. Love to all! Claudette Gandy*

Claudette Gandy - March 28, 2021 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ With deep sadness and broken hearts, we extend our condolences, love, and prayers to the Cook family as you mourn the loss of your father; Uncle Leon. We love you all greatly and we wish that we could be there with you all for support. To our cousins here in Baltimore, we encourage you to trust in God during your time of bereavement and find comfort in him.

Love, the Matthews Family

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

The Matthews Family - March 27, 2021 at 01:02 PM

DC

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Uncle Leon. I am praying for the family's peace at this time and I extend my deepest condolences to you all.

Love, Douglas Cooper, and Children from Baltimore, Maryland.

Douglas Cooper - March 27, 2021 at 12:47 PM

EM

“ My sincere condolences go out to my brother-in-law and lifelong friend, Leon. We came up together from Evergreen, Alabama, and were close ever since. I will miss you and you will not be forgotten. To the children, if any of you need any words of comfort, do not be afraid to reach out to your Uncle Elroy.

Love, Uncle Elroy from Baltimore, Maryland.

Elroy Matthews - March 27, 2021 at 12:44 PM

YC

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the Cook family as we mourn the loss of Uncle Leon. I will truly miss him. I will always love him and he will never be forgotten.*

Love, Yogi from Baltimore, Maryland.

Yolanda Cooper - March 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM

EV

“ *Extending our condolences to Mrs. Cook, & the family members of Mr. Leon Cook.*

Prayers of consolation at your time of sadness.

Sincerest regards,

Evangelist.Lillie.B.Foy & Family

Somerset, N.J.

Evangelist.Lillie - March 26, 2021 at 07:04 PM