

Mr. Oliver DeReign 'Pete' Cook

Pete Cook, 67, of Mount Airy, passed away Friday, Jan. 15, 2010.

Pete was born Aug. 31, 1942, in Kennett, Mo., to Oliver W. Cook, M.D., and Mary D. Cook and raised in Caruthersville, Mo. along the banks of the Mississippi River.

He remained in the state where he received his Bachelor of Arts ('64) and Master of Science ('67) degrees. The next year he married Beverly Jean Jones. The two moved to Michigan where Mr. Cook earned a second master's degree in public health.



The Cooks started a family as they began a series of moves for Pete's career including residences in Iowa and Wyoming.

Pete's love of fly-fishing was amplified while stationed in Yellowstone as a food safety expert for the National Park Service.

The Cook family then transferred to the Washington area in 1985 where they remain to date. Mr. Cook worked as an epidemiological investigations coordinator for the FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs where he achieved much success in this role including the IAFP "Sanitarian of the Year" award in 2001.

As an active outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Since the mid '70s, Pete showed his enthusiasm for fishing by being involved in Trout Unlimited, Federation of Fly-Fishers, and Potomac Valley Fly-Fishers, where he held various leadership positions. He was the first recipient of the Fly Fishers' Project Cuttcatch award.

Mr. Cook also appreciated music, reading, photography and served as an elder in Neelsville Presbyterian Church.

Pete is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Beverly Cook; three children, Sandra Cook Folkendt and husband, Michael, of Boyds, Kristin Cook of Frederick, Michael Cook of Arlington, Texas; two grandchildren, Andrew and Daniel Folkendt; sister Mary Sue Cooke of Fayetteville, N.C.; brother David L. Cook and wife, Carol, of Lee's Summit, Mo.; brother- and sister-in-law James Ross and Laveta Thompson of Macon, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother, father and brother, Robert L. Cook.

Friends and family may visit from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus.

A funeral service will be held at 11a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown, followed by burial in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or other sentiments, donations may be made to A Christian Ministry in Yellowstone National Park, the Oliver D. Cook Memorial Fund at Neelsville Presbyterian Church or a conservation organization of your choice.