



C.L. Cook

April 17, 1934 - December 12, 2019

C.L. Cook, 85, died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 12th. The world lost a great man, as C.L. was of the generation who proved a combination of hard work and strong ethics could take a person far in this life.

C.L. was born on April 17, 1934 on Wesley Chapel Road in South DeKalb County. Even before he graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1952, he was hard at work as a brick mason. It wasn't long before he was making a mark in the world, and in 1953, he was named Apprentice of the Year and represented the state of Georgia.

From 1953 to 1961, he worked as a foreman and mason and in 1961, formed C.L. Cook, Inc. and served on the board of MCAA. In 1976, he formed Pyramid Masonry Contractors, Inc. The company, under his leadership, continued to grow and by 1987 he had opened satellite offices in Charlotte and Orlando. Today, Pyramid continues to thrive and remains one of the top masonry contractors in the southeastern United States.

C.L. and his wife, Joyce, moved from Wesley Chapel Road to Social Circle in 1991, where C.L. developed one of the premier Black Angus herds in the country. He promoted the same quality and integrity in his cattle business that he had in his masonry business, and was elected President of the Georgia Angus Association. He was selected as Cattleman of the Year, Outstanding Conservationist for Newton County, and Outstanding Conservationist for Georgia. All these accolades were given to a man who started laying brick as a teenager. C.L. was never boastful, but he set an example for all who ever had the good fortune of knowing him.

C.L. was preceded in death by his parents, Tom R. and Bertha Cook and five siblings: Lucy Cook Breedlove, Enid Cook Payne, Mary Cook Freeman, Dewey Cook, and Betty Cook Skelton. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joyce Manning Cook; his sister, Elizabeth Cook Lewis and her husband, Bill; his three children, Karen Cook Swords and her husband, Steve, Kenneth Cook and his wife, Jeanne, and Angel Cook Edwards and her husband, Steve; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren, and a number of beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, December 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel; interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 5 until 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until 1

p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Camp Twin Lakes, 1391 Keencheefooee Road, Rutledge, GA 30063 or your favorite charity. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

2284 Candler Road
Decatur, GA, 30032

Events

- DEC 15 Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
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- Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US, 30012
- DEC 16 Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM
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- Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US, 30012
- DEC 16 Service** 01:00PM
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- Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US, 30012

Comments



“ I just found this out today and my heart broke. CL was a very special man and will always be a part of my life. He treated me and my family like we were his own. He was a very accomplished professional and knew everyone. I worked for him but he was more like a second father to me than a boss, he would start a conversation "I'm going to talk to you like your Daddy". He always took care of his employees. I learned a lot about construction and business from him. I know his family will miss him, CL was a large presence. Joyce, Kenneth, Angel and Karen I'm so sorry, I know you will miss your Dad.

Susan Shelton and Family

Susan Shelton - December 17, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 16, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 16, 2019 at 07:05 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 16, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 15, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mr. C.L. passing. I remember coming over to the house on Wesley Chapel Rd. with Kenny and he always had that big smile and a warm greeting asking how I was doing. I always enjoyed deer hunting on y'all's place in Shadydale with Tony and Kenny and Mark Campbell. Thinking of you all.

Wayne Kelpen

Wayne Kelpen - December 15, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - December 14, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Miss Joyce and Kenny...I am so sorry to hear of CL's passing. I remember my time working for CL Cook, Inc. very fondly. It was my first 'real' job and it set me up for a love of construction, which is an industry I still work in to this day. CL was always so patient with me, and I learned a lot from him. May God bless you all with comfort and peace.

Lynn Meyers

Lynn Meyers - December 14, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ Tim & Penny Tracy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of C.L. Cook.



Tim & Penny Tracy - December 14, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Having worked for C.L. for 36 years I have to say that he was much more than a boss to me. C.L. was like a second father, he was stern when trying to get his point across but loving in his presentation. He always wanted the people around him to be better than they thought they could be and I really appreciated that. He was very loyal to all of his employees and treated them like family on a daily basis. I have always had the opinion that a mans wealth is measured by the people that he has impacted in his life as well as the people that have impacted him, and for that he was a very wealthy man. I love you C.L. and will miss you more than you know, please watch over us and know that you will always be in our hearts.

Tim Tracy

Tim Tracy - December 14, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ Wow I great man Lost a good one Curly Cook

Cury cook - December 14, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 14, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 14, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 14, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ C.L. was such a hard working compassionate man with such a beautiful heart! Our family adored him, especially my precious mother, Carolyn. She drove 4 hours a day for almost 20 years because she thoroughly enjoyed working for him, his family and his amazing staff at Pyramid Masonry. We share in your heartache of losing such a loving family member as we grieve the loss of my mother. This world has lost 2 amazing people, within days of each other, that have touched many lives by living the example that Jesus Christ set before us. May God bless you all and carry you through this difficult time. With all of our love, the Leach family

Angela Leach - December 14, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 14, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ C.L. was as fine a man as I have ever know in my life.He always had a smile and asked how business was going and had words of encouragement to keep working toward your dream. He will be missed. Jim Toney

Jim Toney - December 14, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ Bobby Jack, Flora, and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of C.L. Cook.



Bobby Jack, Flora, and family - December 14, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ A good man gone to soon!

Alex Dillard - December 13, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Mike & Bobbi Cornelius purchased the Divine Light for the family of C.L. Cook.



Mike & Bobbi Cornelius - December 13, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Dave & De Carlson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of C.L. Cook.



Dave & De Carlson - December 13, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ David Julia Rob Mary Leiding Henry purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of C.L. Cook.



David Julia Rob Mary Leiding Henry - December 13, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ CL was an awesome one of a kind self made man! I loved and respected him. We will miss him and his straight talk!
Love and prayers to Mama Joyce and the family.
David and Julia, Rob, MaryCarman, Leiding and Henry

David Jordan - December 13, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ i remember when C L and his crew built the concession stand at Bouldercrest Park,it was freezing cold that morning,one guy asked C.L. how will you mix concrete when it is below 32 degrees ,easy said C L.and picked up his gas can and poured gas in the mix,and all his crew was working for free a good honest man has left this place for a better home ,rest in peace my friend

joemarler - December 13, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Mike, Lizzie, Rebekah Gladson and Ashley, Curtis purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of C.L. Cook.



Mike, Lizzie, Rebekah Gladson and Ashley, Curtis - December 13, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ Delvin&Donna Heldermon/ Dick&RuthAnnCarmichael purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of C.L. Cook.



Delvin&Donna Heldermon/ Dick&RuthAnnCarmichael - December 13, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ PHIL JUDY & BART WATTS purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of C.L. Cook.



PHIL JUDY & BART WATTS - December 13, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ If you were in the cattle of farming business around Mansfield, you knew Mr. C.L. He will be fondly remembered by those of us living in the Mansfield/Newborn area. He is a testament to the American dream if you work hard, dream big, and have common sense. Condolences to Ms. Joyce and the entire family. He will be missed!

Lynn & Sharon Payne

Sharon Payne - December 13, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Herc Rentals Inc Southeast Region purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of C.L. Cook.



Herc Rentals Inc Southeast Region - December 13, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 13, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ Lisa, Tom, Dana and Bill purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of C.L. Cook.



Lisa, Tom, Dana and Bill - December 13, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ Mrs. Joyce and family, I send my sympathy and a hug for each of you. Mr. C.L. was a good friend to Ann Bell and I and we always enjoyed his humor at the cattle sales. He kept us going with jokes and always was fascinated the way Ann and I handled cattle and knew where the good ones were. I will never forget when Mrs. Joyce took Ann and I to the house and showed us the Christmas train around the tree. We always felt at home with you both and the cattle industry was a better place with such great supporters and growers. Mr. Cook always supported the youth that showed and I remember him telling me how he loved to see my daughter show cattle. My thoughts and memories may be little, but know that his friends will miss him. May God wrap his arms around each of you.
Sharon Cassidy

Sharon Cassidy - December 13, 2019 at 06:44 AM



“ The world lost a great man and a true gentleman. Mr. C.L is an inspiration to anyone who ever had the honor to know him. Mr. Cook is the absolute definition of a great man. A hard worker , family man and friend. I'll miss his smile, the sound of his voice and his firm handshake. Heaven has truly gained an angel today.

Gary Mitchell - December 13, 2019 at 05:24 AM



“ Mr. C.L was old school southern gentlemen. One of my most cherished moments in the angus cattle industry was typical CLCook. I was a young manager of a small up and coming angus herd in Alabama. And being new to the big boy scene is difficult to be excepted by your older peers. I was at my first bases loaded sale in Denver. Believe it was 2009. As everyone who knew him knows he treated everyone as equals. So when I saw him there I naturally went up and spoke. He asked me how I was doing and if I was having a good time. I told him I was a felt like a fish out of water. He just gave me one of those great C. L. smiles. He spent the next hour walking we around introducing me and including me in every conversation. After the sale I was invited back to his room with two of his favorite people. They know who they are, for a few drinks. A particular bourbon he loved. It will always be greatly appreciated the way he treated me. A true Angel has gone home.

David Powell - December 13, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ Steve and Kathy Price purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of C.L. Cook.



Steve and Kathy Price - December 12, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ C L was one of those special people you meet in life who likes the same things you do and creates a chemistry that just makes you so comfortable to be around him.. The two of us traveled many miles together going to cattle sales around the country. We did this for around 30 years and I never heard him say a bad word about anyone or anything. In addition I never saw him unhappy about anything. C L lived a full life with a wife he talked about frequently expressing his love for her. C L will be missed by a lot of people!

Jim Gresham
Circle G Ranches

Jim Gresham - December 12, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ CL.was a very special gentleman.Have many fond memories of the fun times spent with him and his family.Went thru Little league with CL,Joyce and kids.Many trips and fun Super Bowl parties with them.

Our prayers for all the family.

Love y'all!

Paul and Diane Gibson



Diane Gibson - December 12, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of C.L. Cook.



December 12, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ We want to extend our prayers to the Family He was a very kind man he will be missed but not forgotten. He left a lot of memories.
Thank You Russell and Judy Oglesby

Russell and Judy Oglesby - December 12, 2019 at 06:00 PM