



Walter Cook

February 17, 1920 - January 14, 2016

Walter Cook, age 95, passed away peacefully January 14, 2016 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe surrounded by his loving family.

Walt was born on Feb. 17, 1920 in Sigel Township to the late Frank and Bernice (Duda) Kurcharczyk. He is survived by his loving wife, Minnie, and five children: Marge Lanzi, Lorraine (Dan) Beechuk, Gloria (Charlie) Seitz, Clare (Sue) Cook, Wayne (Linda) Cook. In addition the grandchildren: David (Theresa) Lanzi, Paul (Heather) Lanzi, Kimberly(Jason) Brown, Robbie (Robyn) Beechuk, Wendy (Glenn) Joslyn, Tyler Cook, Zachery (Sarah) Cook, Jason (Rhonda) Cook, Alicia (Dick) Dondineau and great-grandchildren: Josh Maloney, Jessica Joslyn, Tom, Natalie and Katie Lanzi, Tenley and Carson Cook, and great-great-grandchild, Lulu Maloney.

Walt sailed the Great Lakes in the early 1940's. He worked in the automotive industry in Detroit and in 1945 returned to Sigel Township for a career in farming.

Walt and Minnie (Osentoski) were united in marriage on Oct. 13, 1945 in Ubyly. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family in Frankenmuth. After 40 years of farming he retired in 1985.

Walt's motto throughout life was 'to make the best better' and lived this

through his community and civic involvement. He served on the Thumb Electric Board of Directors for 38 years. He was Director of the Federal Land Bank Association of Caro, President of the Michigan Land Bank Association, Vice-Chairman of the Huron County Soil Conservation District Board, Vice-Chairman Huron County Zoning Board of Appeals, member of Council on Aging as well as serving on Parish Council at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Since retirement he became actively involved with the Port Hope and Harbor Beach Senior Clubs. He loved polka dancing, playing Euchre, crop touring, and talking about farming and current events.

Walt is survived by sister, Gertrude Oberski, and sisters-in-law, Edith Cook, Rita Cook and Lucille Glowzinski and Chet and Martha Leppek. He is preceded in death by Bill and Mary Cook, Clem and Cecelia Cook, Phil and Gladys Cook, Albert Oberski, Gordon and Sylvia Cook, Carl Cook, Leo and Angeline Grifka, and Albert Cook as well as 17 in-laws.

Funeral mass will be Thursday, January 21 at 11:30am at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. William Spencer officiating. Visitation for Walt will be Wednesday January 20, 2016 from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. The Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7pm with a Vigil Service at 7:30pm. Visitation on Thursday will be at the church beginning at 10am until the time of service at 11:30am.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your charity of choice in Walter's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Rosary

JAN 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Vigil Service

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Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Mass

JAN 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Cook*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Walt's wife and family. Bernie remembers being at Walt and Minnie's wedding reception on their wedding day. Bernie & Susie Smaglinski*

Susann Smaglinski - January 20, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear that Walt passed away, the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed seeing them at dances and visiting with them. I wanted to come to the funeral home but I'm on crutches and I didn't want to take a chance and slip and fall on the icy sidewalks or streets. I will send a card and a gift of money to Minnie at the home address.*

Ann Miller - January 20, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *Aunt Minnie,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Walt, you to are very special to us all. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Diane Chappel 's family*

Michelle Peplinski - January 19, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Cook.*



January 19, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *For ever in our hearts. You were a special friend of Grandma Julia Gornowich, Marion and Len Gornowich and Gary and Mary Gornowich and family.*

Mary Gornowich - January 19, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Cook.*



January 19, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Cook.*



January 18, 2016 at 07:15 PM

KO

“ Clare, your Father was an amazing person who lived an amazing life. Even with all his accomplishments, his family is his greatest legacy. He will be missed by he hundreds of people he touched.

Kevin O

kevin oneill - January 18, 2016 at 06:10 PM

HC

“ Uncle Walt and Aunt Minnie were always very special to our family as we farmed next to each other and our families grew up together. One of my first jobs working out was helping Uncle Walt on his farm. He was always a very neat and progressive farmer. Uncle Walt was unsurpassed in his knowledge of people, dates and past events. I was so glad that I was able to see him one last time in January at The Huron Medical Care Facility. Best Wishes, Hilary & Marie Cook

Hilary & Marie Cook - January 18, 2016 at 03:51 PM

EF

“ Edith Cook, Roger and Kathy Cook and Family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Walter Cook.



Edith Cook, Roger and Kathy Cook and Family - January 18, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Walter Cook.*



January 17, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *Uncle Walt has always been so dear to me. What a wonderful person and family. Aunt Minnie and Uncle Walt are very special and so caring for family and friends. My dad (Phil Cook) thought so much of Uncle Walt and they were best friends. If dad were here he would be very sad at his passing.*

Uncle Walt always had a smile and always willing to help anyone.

He was such a caring person for his family and the community. He

will be missed so much, but what a wonderful, long life he had.

Joanne Cook - January 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *Julia, Mark And Olivia Brown lit a candle in memory of Walter Cook*



Julia, mark and Olivia Brown - January 17, 2016 at 05:19 PM

MC

“ I came across this when reading and wrote it down thinking it was a truth that we will all need to hear and believe sometime
Missing someone get easier every day because even though it's one day further from the last time you saw each other, it's one day closer to the next time you will.
Marge and Myron Cook

Marge Cook - January 17, 2016 at 03:32 PM

RS

“ Rick And Lori Murawske And Sons lit a candle in memory of Walter Cook



Rick and Lori Murawske and sons - January 17, 2016 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ Just a wonderful man. He always had a smile and wanted to know the latest on everyone's family. I remember the Thanksgiving when he had both Kimberly and David (Beechuk) on his knees hugging and keeping them laughing. The Cincinnati Beechuk family sends many prayers, love and hugs to the entire Cook family.

Jaynee Beechuk - January 17, 2016 at 08:50 AM

DM

“ Diane McLean purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Walter Cook.



Diane McLean - January 16, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Cook.*



January 16, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *Bradley And Karen AND KIDS sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Cook*



Bradley and Karen AND KIDS - January 16, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Bradley And Karen AND KIDS lit a candle in memory of Walter Cook*



Bradley and Karen AND KIDS - January 16, 2016 at 10:56 AM



You're such a wonderful man to us when we see you down there and talk to after hours great neighbor you and mini we're gonna miss you

Bradley and Karen AND KIDS - January 16, 2016 at 10:58 AM

EK

I had the opportunity to visit with Walt and Minnie when my friends and I came along with their daughter Marge during one of our road trips. They made us feel so welcome and we had the best time. I only saw them a few times but Walt made such an impression on me. I was amazed at how knowledgeable and interested he was in everything. He was so much fun to talk with. I will never forget that smile and twinkle in his eyes, especially when telling a funny story. We may have lost him but there are many friends and loved ones in heaven that will welcome him with open arms.

Erika Kawala - January 19, 2016 at 04:31 PM

GS

I clearly remember the first time I met Walter and Minnie Cook. They welcomed my friends and I with open arms into their quaint farm home. I remember having delicious sloppy joes that day for lunch. Minnie and Walter were both busy in the kitchen along with their daughter and our friend, Marge, making sure everything was absolutely perfect. Walter shared such great facts and stories during our visit. It was truly a privilege to of met such a sweet soul and a great man. Our Heavenly Father has definitely called home one of his finest sheep into his kingdom.

Gail Sowinski - January 21, 2016 at 10:41 PM