



Henry "Hank" Philander Shook

November 13, 1924 - December 19, 2020

Henry Philander "Hank" Shook, 96, passed away December 19, after a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eulan and Ila Shook, and brother Eulan Shook, Jr, all of Hickory. Preceding his death was his youngest child, Stephen P. Shook of Auburn, GA.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gail Barry Shook of Mooresville, NC, sons Doug Michaels Shook of Ashville and Phil Shook (Maggie) of Greensboro, NC, and daughter, Mary Christine Shook, of Orlando, Florida. Other surviving members of the family include seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Hank was born and raised in Hickory, NC, where his father and mother owned Shook Drug Company. After high school, he attended Lenoir Rhyne College. After enlisting in the Army Air Corps during the late stages of World War II, he attended the University of Massachusetts. In the Corps he learned how to fly on the T-6 Texan but his favorite plane in the Corps was the P-47 Thunderbolt. He is an alumnus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. After the War, he was a flight instructor at Stallings AFB in Kingston, NC. Hank joined Eastern Airlines in 1957 as a co-pilot. Soon he became a Flight Engineer on the Lockheed Electra. He flew out of Chicago, Charlotte, Miami, Washington DC and Atlanta. In Atlanta, he was promoted to Captain of the Boeing 727. He retired in 1984 qualified to fly the Airbus A300.

Hank was a member of the St. John's Lodge #4 A.F. & AM in Kinston, NC. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner at the

Oasis Temple in Charlotte. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen, The American Legion, the VFW, REPA and Williamson's Chapel UMC. Hank played golf into his 80's and played tennis well into his 90's.

His wife Gail, his family and his friends will miss Hank's outspoken personality and his commanding leadership.

A visitation will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 23 from 12:00-1:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at Cavin-Cook Chapel at 1:00 PM with Mason Rites after. The burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hickory, NC.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream, <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, 202 Williamson Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117 or Williamson's Chapel UMC, 575 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Shook family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery (Hickory)

522 4th Street Northwest
Hickory, NC 28601

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
114 Oakwood Rd.
Statesville, NC 28677

Tribute Wall



“ Henry "Hank" Philander Shook

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Henry "Hank" Philander Shook

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Henry "Hank" Philander Shook

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



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Michael Roberts - December 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ I only met Mr. Hank a few times but he left a beautiful impression! He was truly a "One of a kind" type of fellow which reminded me of my own Dad, with not many of them left, such big shoes to fill! Rest in Peace Mr. Hank with prayers going out to the family.

*Robin & Jerry Childs
Virginia*

Robin Childs - December 23, 2020 at 11:12 AM

JV

“ Hank was my "breakfast buddy" most Friday morning's at Waffle House or Corrine's. This "custom" started in 2019 and continued through 2020 until the Pandemic hit.

On our trips to breakfast, Hank was my "navigator". As we pulled out of Hank's neighborhood Captain Hank would bellow "clear right" to let me know were no cars coming. Once a pilot always a pilot 😍. Happy Travels My Friend. I'll miss you.

JERRY VALLIERE - December 23, 2020 at 10:08 AM

RF

“ Gail and family, I was blessed to have met Hank on the tennis court with a group of locals players 14 years ago. In those 14 years, this group became family. Hank was a jewel, a great tennis player and easy man to talk to. As veteran and a retired teacher, I loved all the stories he shared. Hank being a WWII veteran really interested me and he shared things like a historian. This tennis player and friend was never at loss a loss for words. Hank thanks for the memories.
RIP

Richard Fernald



Richard Fernald - December 22, 2020 at 10:41 PM

DC

“ I am saddened to hear of Hank's death, but thankful for the long and fulfilling life he led. Hank was one of my father's first cousins. I am thankful for the times I got to spend with him and Gail.

Deborah Moore Clark - December 21, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Philander Shook.



December 21, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear that Capt. Hank has “flown west”. He will be missed. Please know that we are all diminished when we lose one of our own. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Capt. Bud Robbins
Secretary,
Retired Eastern Pilot’s Association

Bud Robbins - December 20, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Hank Shook was like a father to me. He treated me as his own daughter and always supported my efforts, personally and professionally. My condolences go to his wife Gail and his daughter, Chis Shook.

Maggie Shook - December 20, 2020 at 04:12 PM