



## John Franklin Cooke, Jr.

February 24, 1934 - May 8, 2021

John Franklin Cooke, Jr. passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He now abides in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we patiently await the day we will see him again. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 24, 1934, to the late John Franklin and Aileen Lillian Cooke but spent the majority of his life in Jacksonville, Florida. After graduating from Landon High School, John went on to receive his Bachelor of Political Science from Emory University. He had a great love for his country and served as a medic in the United States Army from 1954-1956.

John was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida and later a member Higgins Memorial Church in Burnsville, North Carolina. He was a devoted husband of 56 years to his beautiful wife Sharon. His passions included golf, fishing and singing in the choir with Sharon. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially when it involved eating seafood and playing numerous games of Skipbo.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by son, Eddie; daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and sister, Janice Reibe.

John is survived by his children, Philip Cooke (Natalie), Aileen Cooke Query (Paul), Patricia Cooke Harmon (James); grandchildren, Samantha and Danielle Cooke, Baylee Pearson Gibbs (Marty), Daniel Pearson, Ashley Harmon Rodriguez (Alex), Jenna Harmon; and great granddaughter, Evie Elise Gibbs.

Memorial service will be held in the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 494 East Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115, on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Cooke family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

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

## Receiving Friends

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ When we all lived in Burnsville, we went to church together. I loved both of your parents. They were really special people. The last time I saw them, I came to Mooresville. Sharen looked beautiful as always, always smiling. John was so sweet with her. I am sad to know they are gone from this earth, but I know they are together with God. Praying for all of the family.

Marla Brooks

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**Marla Brooks** - May 17, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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Thank you so much for such a sweet post about Mom & Dad, and thank you for the prayers for our family Marla. 💕

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**Aileen Cooke Query** - May 18, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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Thank you Marla. The knowledge that our mom and dad are together again is such a comfort as are all the prayers for our family 🙏🌸

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**Patricia Cooke Harmon** - May 19, 2021 at 12:05 AM

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“ John was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. Our friendship goes back to 1991 when our children Patti & James envisioned each other in their own futures. John & Sharon opened their home to me when I flew into JAX for visits. I remember John excelled at "Wheel of Fortune" and was among the first to have an answering machine. At our children's wedding reception, we sat at a round table and had a delightful conversation going down memory lane until it was time for the father-daughter dance. John's face lit up and he was a mighty fine dancer. Throughout the years we had visits where we could reminisce about the mountain house John built for Sharon with help from James (I saw photos before staying as a guest). John also was deeply interested in his heritage that reaches back to the colonial days.

We shared the same granddaughters Ashley & Jenna throughout the years. He was as proud of them as I am. I will remain forever grateful to have met such a good person as John.

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**Susanna Hough** - May 16, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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😊 Thank you Susanna! So nice if you to share such great memories.  
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**Aileen Cooke Query** - May 18, 2021 at 10:10 PM