



## Craig Allen Cook

July 8, 1947 - July 26, 2016

Craig Allen Cook, age 69, of Mt. Shasta, California and formerly of Fonda, Iowa - San

Jose, California - Denver, Colorado - and San Diego, California, passed away on

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at home following a brief illness.

A private service, with a military honor guard, for the family will be held at a later date.

Craig was born on July 8th, 1947 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Loren and Evelyn (Schroeder) Cook.

He attended grade and high school at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Fonda, Iowa

where he graduated in 1965. He received his First Holy Communion and was an acolyte

and Confirmed at OLGC. He lettered in baseball, basketball, and track at OLGC and

was also on the Honor Roll and received awards in Speech, while also a member of the

Cedar Leaders 4-H Club.

After graduation, he moved to California and attended college at San Mateo until he was drafted into the Army in 1968.

After Basic Training and Flight School, he earned the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 serving with the 74th Aviation Company (Utility Airplane) during two tours of duty in Vietnam. He received The Army Commendation Medal, The Purple Heart, The Distinguished Flying Cross, and The Bronze Star. Reading an excerpt of the Army Directive for which Craig was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, we clearly realize that Craig was a real hero to many more than just his family. He was Honorably Discharged in October 1971.

After his service to his Country, Craig returned to California to complete his education. He earned his BA Degree, and then a Masters Degree from San Jose State while being employed as a Marketing Analyst for the General Electric Nuclear Energy Division in San Jose, California. During this same time, he was married and started a family, and was elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the national scholastic honorary society for students of business and management.

Later, Craig moved to Colorado with his family and worked for Martin Marietta.

He later transferred to San Diego and headed up part of the IT Department for Lockheed Martin until his retirement.

Craig was a “computer wiz” and designed many computer software programs and custom electronics still in use. Craig enjoyed restoring cars with his favorite being a 1936 Pontiac 3 window coupe. He also enjoyed fishing, research, making custom electronics, traveling, reading and listening to music, especially The Beach Boys.

Craig was a truly genuine, loving and caring person to his family and everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Allen Cook of Ageo City, Japan, and his daughter, Andrea Cook of Littleton, Colorado, Elaine Christine Cook his former wife of Littleton, Colorado, his mother Evelyn Cook of Davenport, Iowa, his sisters, Karen (Tim) Peterson of Sun City West, Arizona - Lynn (Denny) Hamilton of Bettendorf, Iowa and Lori (Warren) Hudson of Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Also, his friend Patti O'Brien and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Loren Cook and grandparents Melvin & Olive Cook, and Opal Hughes, Everett Hansen and Roy Schroeder.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Love Forever* ♡

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**Sandra Rose Michael** - June 15, 2017 at 01:03 AM

CW

“ *Our deepest sympathy Lori. Thinking of you and your family, Candee and Tom*



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**Candee West** - August 11, 2016 at 06:41 PM

RM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Craig was a very special friend throughout life starting in junior high. He was a true competitor not only in sports and academia, but also in the the many fun and harmless pranks in which we engaged in High School. We always shared a special interest in cars and speed. He will truly be missed by everyone lucky enough to have known him.*

*Bob McGowan*

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**Robert McGowan** - August 08, 2016 at 12:37 PM

SW

“ *Sammie Welch lit a candle in memory of Craig Allen Cook*



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**Sammie Welch** - August 04, 2016 at 07:56 AM

LH

*Thank you so much!!❤️*

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**Lori Cook Hudson** - August 04, 2016 at 10:01 PM

CL

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Craig's family. Have great memories of Craig, a classmate, and the Cook family growing up in Fonda. May his many accomplishments in his life and career give you all great memories, blessings and comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cathy (Fitzgerald) Lawyer** - August 03, 2016 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I am thinking of you. I sure enjoyed Seeing all the cute pictures and remembering Craig. Hi, Evelyn and children Hi, Karen.*

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**Peggy McCartan** - August 03, 2016 at 08:32 PM

SJ

“ *Sonny & Carolyn Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Craig Allen Cook*



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**Sonny & Carolyn Johnston** - August 03, 2016 at 07:23 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Michaels lit a candle in memory of Craig Allen Cook*



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**Claudia Michaels** - August 03, 2016 at 07:10 PM

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**Claudia Michaels** - August 03, 2016 at 07:10 PM

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**Lynn** - August 03, 2016 at 06:14 PM

JS

“ Craig Allen Cook, What a wonderful man. He was so ambitious in everything he did in his life. Not one thing was ever done half way. We were 1st Cousins and I was proud he was the cousin that was my age, a boy! I did not have a brother and we always had so much fun. He would take me to town to show me what was going on and we loved the Farm. Our best time was making caves and tunnels in the hay mow. We always had great Christmas and Holiday time together too. I will miss Craig so, so much. Our families were very close over the years. God Bless.  
JoAnn Lawrence (Don) Smith

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JoAnn Lawrence Smith - August 03, 2016 at 05:23 PM

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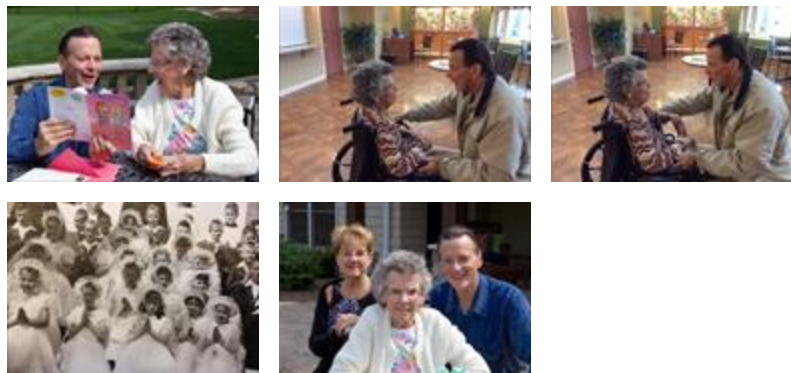


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Karen Peterson - August 03, 2016 at 03:20 PM

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Karen Peterson - August 03, 2016 at 03:10 PM

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Karen Peterson - August 03, 2016 at 02:29 PM

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Karen Peterson - August 03, 2016 at 02:03 PM



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*My moments in time with Craig have lasted a lifetime. My first memories are of playing baseball against one fine player which later were comprised of both getting drafted at same time and going to Fort Polk. La. What an experience we had together , some were even good. And later as I was returning from Vietnam, Craig was just going over and we shared many beers over my good news and his bad . We party'd hard that night! On his Wedding we partied and relived memories again. Craig was a good guy to know and have as a friend, I am pretty lucky to have done both!  
So Craig, as Bob Hope always said "Thanks for the Memories"  
Your Army Brother, Ken Potter*

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**Ken Potter** - September 20, 2016 at 03:16 PM