



## Joseph Kenneth Cook

May 7, 2018

Joseph Kenneth (Jody) Cook passed away on Monday, May 7, 2018, at the age of 83. After a youth spent largely outdoors and fishing with his brothers and friends, Jody joined the Navy in May of 1952 and served his country during the Korean War. He spent almost three years of his service in Japan. Upon his return, Jody met the love of his life, Charlotte, and together, they built their family on the foundation of that love. The couple resided in McCaysville, GA for their entire married life and Jody worked for more than 35 years for the Tennessee Copper Company and its subsequent ownership.

A devoted husband and father, Jody loved dancing with Charlotte – something he did very well, fly fishing and roaming the nearby mountains, traveling with family and friends, occasionally going gambling, and he enjoyed family gatherings over a good meal. Jody was an ever-present figure in the bleachers to cheer and applaud at ball games and marching band performances, graduations, and school plays. He loved little babies and playing board games with the kids. He was terrible at cussing, did laundry well, and adored blackberry cobbler. Jody was often quiet but could add great humor or depth to a discussion when he had something to say.

His children remember Jody as the best Daddy ever, with a natural athletic ability that allowed him to out-fish, out-roller-skate, out-bowl, out-swim, and out-run them all – even when he ran backward! He spent untold hours with his kids and grandkids teaching them to fish and love the outdoors. He loved the ocean and spent time with family enjoying the sand and surf.

Jody, son of John Anderson Cook and Pearl Miller Cook, was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Charlotte German Cook, and his sisters Joan Lancken and Jean Hyde. Jody is survived by his children, Karen McClure and her husband, Christy of Blue Ridge, GA, Cindy Gwaltney and her husband, Gary of San Antonio, TX, Kenny Cook and his wife, Ramona of Blue Ridge, GA, and Crystal Cook of Austin, TX. His seven grandchildren include Kris Hammond, Maggie Hudson, Colin Hammond, Keely Hammond, Alexis Mathis, Cassie McClure and Chloe Walker; great-grandchildren are Charlotte Lee,

Anna and Desmond Hammond, and Hudson Weaver. He is also survived by his sisters, Sonja Greene of Powell, TN, Mary Ann Niermann of Stone Mountain, GA, and brothers Tommy Cook of McCaysville, GA, Johnny Clay Cook of Columbia, TN, and Doug Cook of Rutledge, GA. Jody loved each of them with his whole heart.

Entwined with those of family, some Jody's best memories were of Yellowstone National Park and the trips he made with his brothers, son, grandsons, and other family. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to consider a donation in Jody's memory to Yellowstone Forever.

Donations may be sent to:

Yellowstone Forever

[www.support.yellowstone.org](http://www.support.yellowstone.org) and choose "Honor/Memorial Giving" to find instructions to make a donation in memory of Jody.

Visitation is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 10, 2018, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Finch Cochran Funeral Home, located at 1478 Blue Ridge Drive, McCaysville, GA.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a brief interment ceremony at Kingtown Baptist Church cemetery. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at

[www.cochranfuneralhomes.com](http://www.cochranfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery

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## Kingtown Baptist Church Cemetery

257 N. Church St.  
McCaysville, GA, 30555

# Events

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**MAY 10 Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Finch-Cochran Funeral Home  
1478 Blue Ridge Dr., McCaysville, GA, US, 30555

**MAY 11 Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Finch-Cochran Funeral Home  
P.O. Box 39 1478 Blue Ridge Dr., McCaysville, GA,  
US, 30555

# Comments

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“ Jody and Charlotte, together forever!!! What a wonderful blessing, loving and being loved by those two. Over 50 years ago Mike needed me to meet Jody, Charlotte, and the children before he introduced me to anyone else in the family. I fell in love with them from day one and they loved the two of us equally, before we ever even married, I think they are two of the most special people who have ever been in my life and Mike's too. There can never be another Jody, with his homemade biscuits and his drip-o-later coffee, and his wonderful smile or another Charlotte, with all her unconditional love. We will cherish the memories of always being welcomed and loved there!! This world will truly miss these two, but we know heaven is rejoicing. Music, Dancing, Good Food, and Laughter!!! Much love there today!!! 'Til We Meet Again Loving you two always, Mike&Belinda

**mike&belinda prichard** - May 11, 2018 at 07:55 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss... Love and prayers for you all..

**Amy Lohr Payne** - May 11, 2018 at 04:16 PM

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“ Family of "Jody" Cook: I first met Jody when he returned from the Navy. We almost immediately became good friends, as well as fishing companions. Jody played an integral part of my early life, of which I will forever be grateful. We had many discussions about careers, family and just life in general. If there is anyone I can credit for my accomplishments in life; it would have to be Jody and his lovely wife Charlotte. I was looking forward to seeing him later this month. Just wanted to pass my sincerest sympathy to Jody's entire family and let them know that he will sorely missed by hundreds of friends that had the honor and privilege of having crossed paths with him. He and Charlotte are together again in God's domain are most likely dancing and celebrating. Gonna miss you Bro, Roy Monteith, Clearwater, FL

**Roy T Monteith** - May 10, 2018 at 01:02 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Johnny Stiles family

**johnny stiles** - May 09, 2018 at 03:31 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Prayers for the family.

Terry and Patt Whitlow

**Patt Whitlow** - May 09, 2018 at 02:38 PM

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“ Kenny, Karen, Cindy, and Crystal, I have lots of memories of Jody and the entire family. I spent many days and nights at you house growing up. camping in the front yard and Jody would always sneak out and fire his shot gun to scare us. Love you all like family. Sorry for your loss and Prayers for the family.

Alan Henson

**Alan Henson** - May 09, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ I could describe Jody the same way I could describe hundreds of men I knew growing up. They all worked at the company. They put in a garden. They raised a fine family. Was involved in a local church and loved to fish and hunt. But Jody was truly unique. Tough as iron when circumstances dictated it. Kind and laughing, patient and wise. And he knew so well the value of standing in a trout stream, maybe out West and an evening hatch would come off and he could match it. Slowly moving upstream making cast only a artist could make, big cutthroat rising to take his fly, the evening gloaming. He loved many things but this was the thing he did in quiet solace. Its value cannot be measured. In our young days, he took us along with him and in his elder years we took him. The trips Kenny and Jody made epic trips out west to flyfish and they became iconic chapters in their lives.

To paraphrase a movie line that Ken and I really don't like,

"Some of our finest time, not all, and not the very best but some fine times in our lives involved a flyrod, a matched hatch, and a river did run through it."

I am glad he is with Charlotte and his family and friends. A very fine reunion indeed.

**David Whittenbarger** - May 09, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for you and all the family.

Deborah Weatherton

**Deb Weatherton** - May 14, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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“ Thoughts & Prayers for all of the Family. Sorry about your Dad Kenny.

Teresa Ledford Deal & Clint Deal, Jr.  
Turtletown, Tn.



**Teresa Ledford Deal** - May 09, 2018 at 09:36 AM

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“ Holly Seabolt Sands lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Cook



**Holly Seabolt Sands** - May 09, 2018 at 09:06 AM

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“ Gilita Carter lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Cook



**Gilita Carter** - May 09, 2018 at 12:18 AM

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“ My earliest memory of Jody was at his father's store, Cook & Collis, in McCaysville where Leroy's Grocery is now. If I remember correctly, Mr Collis had all his sons working there! More recent memory of he and Charlotte was at Ducktown Bank/The Home Bank where I waited on them for several years! I think of him as a true Southern gentleman! Crystal and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is when you lose a parent. But, you have all your memories of him and Charlotte to comfort you as you go through this sad time. Please know that y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Nancy Taylor Roberts

**Nancy Taylor Roberts** - May 09, 2018 at 12:11 AM

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“ Many good memories of Jody and Charlotte also. Sad to hear of his passing. I guess him, Charlotte and my mom and dad (W.D. and Kay Cook) will be talking together in Heaven and having a good time!

Linda and Gary Smith - May 08, 2018 at 05:30 PM

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“ Karen,Cindy & Family,  
Everything that was said about Ms. Charlotte & Jody reminds me of McCaysville Elem and West Fannin it didn't matter if we were playing ball, cheer leading, girl scouts or in the band they were always our number one supporters. Jody sold as many girl scout cookies as we did and all the girl scout camp outs Charlotte went on. Our prayers are with all of you, Jan Ray Whitaker



Jan Whitaker - May 08, 2018 at 04:02 PM

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“ Jody was one of my favorite people. It hasn't been but a few years ago that he came in the bank and sat in my office and told me about an experience he had with the Lord. There's not doubt in my mind that he's dancing with Charlotte in heaven now. The obituary warmed my heart. He was very special.

Holly Norton - May 08, 2018 at 03:35 PM

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“ Justin Brooks lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Cook



Justin Brooks - May 08, 2018 at 11:32 AM