



## Robert W. "Bob" Cook

December 17, 1942 - March 23, 2022

Robert W. "Bob" Cook, age 79 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 2:22 am on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Bob was born in Evansville, Indiana on December 17, 1942 to Robert W. and Helen (Angermeier) Cook. He met his wife Lani Goodness in 1969 and they were married on December 19, 1970 in the Huntingburg United Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on January 28, 2020.

He attended St. Benedicts grade school and then graduated High School from Reitz Memorial in 1960. He graduated from the University of Evansville in 1966 with a teaching degree and then received his master's in Elementary Education and a minor in History from Indiana University in 1970. While at the University of Evansville he played baseball and was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

His first job was at Norris City High School in Illinois where he taught history and physical education, and was a freshman basketball coach and a track coach. He then taught at Reitz Memorial High School for one year before coming to Jasper in 1969 where he served as a physical education teacher at 10th Street and 5th Street and Ireland Elementary Schools, and coached Basketball and Baseball at 10th street and Jasper High School. He retired in

2003 after 38 years of service.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland. He was also a member of the Jasper Kiwanis Club in Jasper, and the Ireland Lion's Club where he served as the president in 1997 and served on the board of directors since 1997.

While in Jasper he coached Jasper Little League and Pony League teams and was the president of the Little League Association for 2 years. He was appointed to the Jasper Zoning and Planning Boards, where he also served as a president.

He enjoyed watching sports, traveling to Florida, and spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is one daughter, Courtney Cooney (Mike), Westfield, IN, one son, Kyle Cook (Brooke), Ireland, IN, five grandchildren, Nolan and A.J. Cooney, and Sophie, Finley, and James Cook, his companion, Ann Hilgefert, Jasper, two brothers, David Cook (Beth Ann), and Michael Cook (Karla), both of Evansville.

Preceding him in death beside his wife were his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Robert W. "Bob" Cook will be held at 10am on Monday, March 28, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from Noon until 4pm on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, and from 9 am until the 10 am Mass time at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 27.** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North  
3221 N. Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

**MAR 28.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert W. "Bob" Cook*

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January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Courtney, Kyle, & family, Please accept our prayers and condolences at this sad time of Bob's passing. He was such a special friend whose rugged demeanor often masked his tender heart & empathy for others. Bob always was ready to help without needing recognition.*

*John & I are so thankful for the many fun memories with Lani & Bob. We've been more than blessed partying at IU football games, raising our families together, & even relaxing during retirement on the white sands of Florida.*

*May our Lord's love & His promises give you comfort knowing Bob's now enjoying perfect health in paradise forever...*

*Love & hugs to you,  
John & Miriam*

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**John & Miriam Sermersheim** - March 26, 2022 at 01:35 AM



“ *Dear Mike and David:*

*I am so sorry to learn of your loss. You are in my thoughts. Bob always had a smile and would make me laugh when I was in his presence.*

*charlie berger*

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**charles berger** - March 25, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers!  
Darren Sroufe



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**Darren Sroufe** - March 25, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences go out to the entire Cook family. May God Bless Robert's Spirit and comfort all of you during this difficult time.

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**Peter Swaim** - March 25, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ Carol Rumple is so sorry that passing of a dear loving cousin to everyone. Read this obituary, he had good life and helped so many students. I'm sure, he was loved by them. He is not suffering and he is with the love of life.

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**Carol Rumple** - March 23, 2022 at 08:12 PM

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“ I'm sorry to read of Coach Cook's passing. I may be mistaken but thought I remembered him also as one of our 7th Grade Football Coaches, if not the head coach. I recall several practices where he would complement me during various drills that instilled confidence in me to land a starting position on both sides of the ball...to this day, I carry his inspirational comments

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**pPat Fleck** - March 23, 2022 at 04:24 PM

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Coach Cook was my teacher, Coach and later a friend..... condolences to his family and friends.

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**Ed Schultheis** - March 25, 2022 at 08:57 AM