



Mark James Cook

June 5, 1961 - September 15, 2025

Mark James Cook, of St. Louis, MO, entered into rest on September 15, 2025, at the age of 64 years, 3 months, and 10 days. He was born on June 5, 1961, in St. Louis, MO, a son of the late Gene Douglas and Shirley Jane (Frazier) Cook.

Mark graduated from Arcadia Valley High School in 1980, then entered the United States Navy where he served four years with pride and honor. He was a proud veteran following the steps of his father. After his Military service, he became an expert in the building trades, working for various companies throughout his life with the last 15 years of his life being employed by Hicks Construction Company.

Mark was a Christian and was baptized during his youth. He was a past member of the First Baptist Church of Ironton.

Mark was a master storyteller. He loved watching the History channel and could hold a knowledgeable conversation on almost any topic. He loved his family and was a good friend to many.

Preceding him in death were his parents , Gene and Shirley Cook and one brother, Gene Cook Jr.

He was survived by his sister, Mary Beth Bauwens (Kim), his nephew, Tyler Bauwens (Jennifer) and niece, Natalie Huber (Brandon). He was also survived by Ruben and Quianna Hicks, who loved and watched over Mark like he was a member of their own family.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am, at the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park in Ironton, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorials and donations may be made to your local V.F.W. Post.

Online condolences may be made at www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CK

“ So sorry to just learn of Marks passing. I started my first job with his father Gene as my father worked with Gene and was a Navy man as I was 76-80. My condolences to the family. Junior Kindlesparger

Charles Kindlesparger - September 28, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BH

“ Mark I will surely miss you friend love and miss you

Becki huffman - September 21, 2025 at 04:07 AM

JG

“ I have so many great memories of my cousin Mark. He had his struggles, like we all do in different ways, but at his core he was a genuine, sweet human being. He had a very distinctive laugh, which was important because when you were around Mark you were usually laughing. I have no doubt from the many conversations that I had with Mark that he had accepted Jesus Christ as his savior, and that he is in God's presence now.

Joe Goff - September 16, 2025 at 03:27 PM

SW

“ Mark's Dad, Gene was a close family friend to us for many years. We are sorry to hear of his family's loss. Our sympathy to you all 🙏
Sincerely
Kenny & Sue Wooten



Sue Wooten - September 16, 2025 at 03:00 PM

MS

*Dear Mary Beth,
Sweet memories of your family and you 3 kids growing up in First Baptist Church of Ironton. Loved you all. I'll see you soon. God be with you and bring you peace and comfort now and I. The days to come.
Love, Art and Margaret Stark.*

margaret Stark - September 17, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MH

“ *Condolences to Mary and family. Mark was such a sweet hearted guy. He will always be remembered.*

Marsha Hutchison - September 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM