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Lynn Vincent Cook, age 64, of Big Rapids, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2012 at the Meijer Heart Center/Spectrum Health Butterworth campus in Grand Rapids. He was born on January 14, 1948 in Big Rapids, the son of Vincent and Irene (Doney) Cook. Lynn graduated in 1966 from Big Rapids High School, attended Ferris State College for several years. He went to work for the Big Rapids Police Department in 1968 as a dispatcher and then at age 21 became a police officer. He worked his way through the ranks and retired in 1999 as Deputy Director. He served the Department as Interim Director for one year during his tenure at BRDPS. Upon retiring in 1999 he went to work for the Elks National President as Administrative Assistant. He was currently the Exalted Ruler for Big Rapids Elks Lodge 974, serving his third term and served as State President for the Michigan Elks Association in 2002-2003. In June 2006, he became Executive Director of the Michigan Elks Major Project, Special Needs Childrens' Program which he was currently serving in that capacity. Lynn loved to hunt, fish, spend time with friends within the Elks organization and family as grandpa and chief cook. He is survived by Brenda, his wife of 41 years, two daughters, Stacey (Michael) Gunn and Terri (Chris) Raffel both of Big Rapids, four granddaughters, Elizabeth Cook, Nevaeh Cook, Ryleigh Cook, and Lindsey Raffel. One sister, Mary Lou (John) Arnold of Manistique, one brother John (Terri) Cook of Big Rapids, brothers and sisters-in-law, Doug (Angie) Smith, Linda (Charles) Curtis, Karen (Scott) Morningstar and Tammi (Matt) Preston, niece Cathy (Kenny) Warner of Mt. Pleasant and nephews Christopher, Andrew, and Tyler Cook of Big Rapids. Lynn was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11:00am Thursday August 23, 2012 at the Mohnke Funeral home in Big Rapids. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 to 6 pm at the funeral home with the Elks Lodge of Sorrows to take place at 6 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Elks Major Project.



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JB

Jim Bailey posted:

I got to know Lynn at camp in da UP thru friendship with Doug McMullen, their life long bond is as strong as you will ever see. Once thru the Pearly Gates, one of the first things Lynn will get cleared up is just how big was that buck Bailey missed!! Go

August 23 at 8:00 PM

JD

James & Tina Deamud posted:

LYNN WILL BE MISSED SO MUCH, HE TRULY WAS A SPECIAL PERSON. I WILL CERTAINLY MISS HIM ASKING ME IF "I WAS A WINNER." OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BRENDA.

August 21 at 8:00 PM

RM

Rex Mortensen posted:

So sorry to hear about Lynn. I not only knew him as a police officer but also in school. I also knew his parents, working at Ferris for Vince. Lynn was a great gum and I was happy to consider him as a friend.

August 21 at 8:00 PM

SS

Sheryl Sias posted:

This is a sad day for me. I was blessed to work with Lynn the last few years in funding our Summer Speech Clinic. Lynn was always so friendly and helpful. Such a caring man!!!! Hugs to Brenda. I will miss Lynn.

August 21 at 8:00 PM

JD

Jeff And Rose Durant posted:

Brenda, We will miss Lynn's smile and joking ways. What a great guy! He came into our lives and left too soon. We pray for you and your family. May God bless all of you at this trying time. Jeff and Rose Durant Bellaire, OH

August 20 at 8:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

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August 20 at 8:00 PM



Duane Feiss posted:

So sorry to learn of Lynn's passing. He was an excellent mentor and Elk. I truly enjoyed working with him and the Elks "365" program. My sincere condolences.

August 20 at 8:00 PM



Shawn Macfarlane posted:

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the entire Cook family and those many people whom Lynn has positively impacted over the years.

August 20 at 8:00 PM



Tom Hogenson posted:

Please accept my condolences for your loss. I knew Lynn as a fine police officer and public servant, and he will certainly be missed. Tom Hogenson

August 20 at 8:00 PM



Chuck And Linda Curtis posted:

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Lynn was the best brother in law anyone could ever ask for. He will be deeply missed.

August 20 at 8:00 PM



Laura Dean-Bonnell posted:

Brenda, Stacey, Terri and families, I don't have to tell you that Lynn Cook was a unique man. He loved to show the world a brusque exterior while all who knew him saw the marshmallow inside. He was the most dedicated Elk I have ever known.

August 19 at 8:00 PM



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DD

Dave And Diane Dusendang posted:

Brenda and girls - our hearts are so heavy. The loss of Lynn is incomprehensible - he was such a force and so beloved. You already know that there are so many people that truly care for you, love you and are grieving Lynn's passing. Count us as o

August 19 at 8:00 PM

JP

Jason Proefrock posted:

Brenda and Family- There will never be another like him.

August 19 at 8:00 PM

RH

Ray And Kim Hall posted:

Brenda, Stacey, Terri and family - So incredibly sorry for you all. Bub was an incredible man who gave so much to the public through everything he was involved in. We will miss his friendship and his sense of humor! Love you all.

August 19 at 8:00 PM

TF

The Max Hall Family posted:

Brenda, Girls, We are in shock by the passing of Lynn and are praying for all of you during this difficult time. We hold you dear to hearts as close friends and will cling to the memories of the friendship we share. We love you all.

August 19 at 8:00 PM

JK

John & Judy Kuptz posted:

what can be said - God Bless - Lynn was a friend not just a brother Elk - It will always be a great memory as serving as his 2nd Vice President as well as all the other years

August 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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