



Victor B. Cooke, Jr.

April 7, 1943 - April 17, 2012

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Victor B. Cooke, Jr, 69, died Tuesday April 17, 2012 in the Hospice House following a long illness.

He was born in Newark, N.J. on April 7, 1943 the son of Victor B. Sr. and Sheila Fitzpatrick Cooke.

Victor received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University.

On Nov. 25, 1967 he married Carol Moore.

He worked for Lubrizol for 25 years until his retirement in 1994.

He was a member of SAE Society of Automotive Engineers and a board member of The Standard 1320 Group. He enjoyed photography, drag racing, computers, and nature walks at the Holden Arboretum.

He is survived by his loving family; his wife Carol; his sons Victor B. III, Brett S. and Matthew B.; his daughter Megan L. Cooke; his granddaughter Ashley Cooke and his great-granddaughter Addisyn Siembida; his sister Karen C.

Dunlap; his brother Kevin Barbara Cooke and his good friend Tom McKay.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the MONREAL FUNERAL HOME 35400 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake. Burial will follow in Knollwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday April 20th from 6 to 9 in the funeral home. Memorial contributions in his name can be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve or the Holden Arboretum.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I never met Vic but certainly enjoyed his comments and photos on our UZI camera group. I enjoyed knowing him as a "cyber-friend". Love and prayers to all his family and friends.

Janet Gindlesperger - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the entire Cooke family - my wife Lib and I will really miss Vic. He was a true-blue friend, always considerate and helpful, always taking a sincere interest in others. I came to know Vic because of our common interest in cars and drag racing, but found him to be interested in so many things, a intelligent and multi-faceted friend. I will miss Vic so much. God bless your family in this trying time.

David Burlington

David Burlington - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I can't say much about Vic that hasn't already been perfectly expressed within the other entries herein, so I'll simply say "Aloha o'e, Vic, fair thee well, my friend, fair thee well." I will forever miss you...

Bruce Wheeler - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Vic was the best engineer I ever had the pleasure of working with. He would study a problem for quite a while, and then he would give you the best analysis and solution you could imagine. He was truly a deep thinker!

Vic was also a great photographer and super writer as many have already stated. He could explain complex phenomena so anyone could easily understand.

Vic was also the consummate drag racing fan. He knew the sport inside and out like no other. I've never seen Vic so happy as he was when he got to "cackle" a fuel dragster at last year's National Hot Rod Reunion. He had fulfilled a lifelong dream! Thank you, Kevin, for calling me.

But, most of all, Vic was a very dear friend. I always felt enriched when Vic was around.

Vic, we're going to miss you immensely - You meant a lot to us. And remember, Vic, I hear Nitro is only \$1.00 a gallon in heaven. Godspeed my friend.

John and Jeanie Martin

John Martin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Many people have lost a true, constant, and steadfast friend. Vic was a guiding light to me. I would always look forward to his writings, for he possessed the ability to communicate his feelings his beliefs in such a way, that I felt guided, as well as informed by them. His smile, voice, mannerisms--his gentle way--brought you in for more. Vic was like a warm fire on a cold dark night.

Rest in peace, Vic.

You will be remembered, for all the right reasons.

Bill Pitts - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We were so saddened to find out that we had lost Vic this past week. He was an extraordinary guy with an infectious smile. I will always remember him sitting in the fuel car at Bowling Green last year at the cacklefest, with a smile from ear to ear. I am thankful that he was a part of our world; a wonderful photographer and an even greater individual. Vic will be missed and remembered by many. Our prayers go out to the family.

Dick and Barb Hamilton Advey

Barb Hamilton Advey - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences at this sad time. I became good friends with Vic upon joining the 1320 group back in 1999. Since he spent time living in Pittsburgh, we became even closer and shared a lot of our racing history. We also eventually both became Board members of the 1320 group. Vic was truly one of a kind. His knowledge and grasp of nearly every facet of life always amazed me and many others. He was universally admired and respected among all his friends and associates. He had a demeanor that was hard not to like. I was very proud to call him my friend and I will miss him dearly. Rest in comfort and peace, good man.

Jerry Gross - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Maj led the way for all of us cousins. He was a boy of gentle spirit who grew to a man admired and loved by many. I remember him for his quiet, kind and wise way of seeing the world. Our last visit in Rehobeth Beach was a wonderful time to reconnect, especially in our shared love of Grandpa and his trains Our deepest condolences to all of his family. Fondly, Patti and Stuart

Patti Koenig - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I met Vic through the Standard 1320. I found him to be enthusiastic and intelligent. He took the time to explain the 'how to' in photography. I will miss him. I offer my condolences to his family.

John Spradlin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Vick and I became friends through the common apprediation of engineering aspects found in drag racing. He was an expert in his field and willing to share his knowledge with others. I was fortunate to share the joy and excitement that he expressed when he was chosen to participat in a recent national reunion event. Vic is a friend that we will certainly miss. RIP dear friend.

Steve Miller - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I have fond memories of "my big cousin, Major", going way back to when I was a little girl. We had many good times together as children, and I was very glad that he and Carol came to the family reunion in Rehoboth. Alfred & I send our deepest condolences to the family.

Merilynn Kessi - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *May you rest in peace Vic.....*

Robbie Robertson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I'll always cherish the memories of Vic's friendship and of the great times we had at the races. I was so proud of Vic, and so grateful to Kevin, when we got him in Jerry's dragster at Bowling Green for the cacklefest. It was truly a bucket list moment for Vic and one that none of us present will ever forget. Rest in Peace, my dear friend.*

Paul Hutchins - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *My sympathies to the Cooke family. Vic was such a dear person, a great photographer and a valued member of our 1320 group. RIP dear friend.*

Pat - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Vic and I were friends for over 12 years, he was a respected member of the Standard 1320 eGroup. We always looked forward to seeing him post as he always shed new light on a problem that eluded everyone else. I will miss him dearly...what a guy*

Lee Schelin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Drag Racing in general and all your friends in particular will miss you. Rest is peace.*

Don Ewald - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Vic was the guy who, when I went from film to digital photography became my mentor. He gave me countless tips and told me what books to buy to learn more. The Standard 1320 group will miss his contributions and knowledge of drag racing. God Speed My Friend.
AL Booton

Alan Booton - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Vic, you and your love of drag racing will be sorely missed.
RIP my friend,
Rod McCarrell
Standard 1320 member

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