

James M. Cook, 62

James M. Cook, 62, of Ankeny, died Friday, May 22, 2009, at his home surrounded by his family. Jim was born on Nov. 24, 1946, to Howard and Mary Cook in Grinnell.

Jim served in the United States Army, serving one year in Vietnam until his honorable discharge. He worked for AT&T as an account executive for many years.

He enjoyed gardening, music, and he was an avid ISU fan. His favorite past time was spending time with his family and friends. Jim was a Stephen Minister at the Ankeny First United Methodist Church.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Susan Cook; daughter, Michelle (David) Arteberry, and their children, Sam and Noah; daughter, Jamie (Bill) Porter, and their children, Jacob and Ava; his mother, Mary Cook; sister, Sandi (Arlo) Hall; brothers, Larry (Mary) Cook and the Rev. Robert Cook.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Cook.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens, Des Moines, with burial following at Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Ankeny First United Methodist Church in loving memory of Jim.



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Carol L. Evans, 62

Carol L. Evans, 62, of Searsboro, died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Interment followed in Searsboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Carol Evans Memorial Fund. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Carol was born the daughter of Harold and Anna (Bach) Starnes on June 24, 1946, in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1965.

She was united in marriage to Jim Evans on Sept. 19, 1970, in Grinnell. The couple was blessed with three children, Shelley, Jimmie, and Heidi. She worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center for several years, and was a homemaker.

Carol's family was her life. She loved to host family gatherings and could put together a delicious potluck. She also loved the outdoors, whether it was sitting on her deck watching the birds, riding around Searsboro on her purple Harley-Davidson golf cart, or the tranquility of fishing at Diamond Lake near Montezuma. Her other enjoyments were playing cards with friends and family, and social gatherings.

Carol is survived by her husband of 38 years, Jim Evans of Searsboro; her children, Shelley Tharp of Des Moines, Jimmie (Sherr) Evans of Long Grove, and Heidi (Jake) Mathis of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Lane, Haley, and Wyatt Mathis, Randy Tharp, Mark Fite, and Sally Evans; a great-granddaughter, Kaylie Kelchen; a sister, Jackie Siepmann of Des Moines; four brothers, Don (Ida) Starnes of Grinnell, Dean (Joyce) Starnes of Colorado, Dennis (Marilyn) Starnes of Grinnell, and Dick (Kathy) Starnes; and a niece, Sheryal (Troy Bailey) Lender of Brooklyn.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jeannette Lender in 2001; a niece, Taralyn Taylor in 2005; and two nephews, Mike Siepmann in 2001, and Lucas Palar in 2006.

