

Dwight Cook

Dwight "Cookie" Cook, 79, of Mt. Vernon, formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, Nov. 22, at the Hallmark Care and Rehabilitation Center.

A memorial service was conducted Friday, Nov. 26, at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. R. Edward Cook of Woodstock, Ga., officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 18, 1920, in Edinborough, Ind., to Alva and Flora Merle Cook. He moved to Cedar Rapids and was a 1938 graduate of Roosevelt High School there.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, then returned to Cedar Rapids and worked with his father at Cooks Paint Co. He lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., from 1953 to 1957. In 1960, he moved to Grinnell where he owned and operated Cookie's Decorating until his retirement in 1970. He then traveled throughout the country.

He was married to Berniece Bolton, and the marriage ended in divorce. He was married to Mary Pierce of Grinnell, and she died in 1993. He was also married to Bess Richardson of Boise, Idaho, and she preceded him in death in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Madeline Sperry of Cedar Rapids and Juanita Challis of Kentucky; two sons, the Rev. R. Edward of Woodstock, Ga., and Jeffrey W. of Runnymede, N.J.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his three wives and four brothers, Ray, Roy, Oscar and Howard.

A memorial fund in his name is being established.

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