



## Floyd Allen Cook

July 2, 1938 - February 5, 2021

Floyd Allen Cook passed peacefully in his sleep following complications from a massive stroke on February 5, 2021, at Hospice House, Spokane, WA. Allen was born on July 2, 1938, to Floyd & Emelia Cook. At the age of two, his family moved from Ellensburg, WA to Cheney, WA where his father taught at Cheney High School. In high school, Allen participated in football and track setting track records in 1957. Allen worked at gas stations as a “gas pump jockey” (according to Diane’s uncle), drove the gas truck and delivered fertilizer for Sprague Grange Supply, managed the fertilizer shop for Harrington Grange Supply, and drove an 18 wheeler for Chimienti trucking, hauling produce to seven western states and three provinces of Canada. Oh, the stories he would tell! His life’s dream was to work on the farm that his grandfather, Bard Cook, established in 1903, out of Lamont, WA. That dream was fulfilled in 1973 when his uncle, Harry Cook, retired. Allen farmed the “home place” for 39 years, leaving the farm in 2012. He was especially proud when the farm celebrated its centennial anniversary and the barn built in 1927 was placed on the Whitman County Historical Barn Register. Allen is survived by his wife of 56 years, Diane Dickinson Cook (whom he met at a Cheney City Hall dance). His son, Robert (Tracye) Cook of Tacoma, WA; Donna (Tracy) Durand of Hermiston, OR; and Sandra (Dennis) Miller of Kahlotus, WA. Five grandchildren; Ashley (Rob) Swigart; Brandon Horn; Teonna Horn; Logan Miller & fiancé Jessica Guske & Kristen Miller. Great-grandchildren Robert Swigart, Max Swigart, and Avery Horn. Brother-in-law Ed Dickinson (Ilene), numerous nieces & nephews, cousins & many, many friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cheney Funeral Chapel. Viewing from 4-6 on Friday, February 12, 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Lamont Community Church c/o Ardis Swift 13 Wiltzuis Rd Lamont, WA 99017; Lamont Fire Dept. c/o Ginny Rajala 628 Ziegler St Air Way Heights, WA 9001; or Hospice of Spokane, PO Box 2215 Spokane, WA 99210-2215.

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Cheney Funeral Chapel

1632 W 1st St., Cheney, WA, US, 99004

**FEB** **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I had the good fortune of being friends with Allen's daughter, Sandi all during grade school and high school. When I would stay at their house, Allen was always up to some mischief, including folding Sandi and me up in the hide-a-bed! Whenever I think of him, I see him with a smile and twinkle in his eye. He was always teasing us. You could tell he just genuinely liked people -- even bratty kids!! Now he's in heaven making people smile for eternity. Lots of love to Diane and Sandi and the whole family.

Sally (DeChenne) Bryant

**Sally Bryant** - February 15 at 01:12 PM

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“ One day while sitting on my back porch, Allen started walking through the yard toward me. He had never come over without Diane so I was apprehensive thinking something was wrong.

He made himself at home and sat down, he said he knew I was having a rough time. You see my house was a bigger fixer upper than I had thought and I had numerous setbacks.

He slowly pulled out his checkbook from his shirt pocket, with pen in hand he asked me how much money I needed.

I just looked at him and the tears started rolling. I let him know that the offer was all I needed, just knowing that he CARED, was enough.

I mean, who the heck makes such an offer to their neighbor? He and Diane both mean the world to me.

Now he is at home in heaven, making everyone feel as special as he made me feel.

**Natalie Wellik** - February 13 at 04:54 PM



“ When i spoke with Allen he told me his truth which he needed to tell i felt honored that he did.

**patricia salt charles** - February 14 at 11:11 AM



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**patricia salt charles** - February 14 at 11:19 AM



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**patricia salt charles** - February 14 at 11:20 AM

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“ They keep calling him Floyd, he was never Floyd.  
ALLEN COOK, what can I say...he was a good man always. He was probably one of the best men I have ever known, He loved a good joke and/or story. He was always quick with a smile as soon as he saw ya'.  
I worked with him and for him as I was a representative of Sprague Grange. He loved his farm and working the land.  
I will never forget this guy and even though I've retired and moved back to Texas I will remain an honest friend to his family and his wife Diane.  
All my love and condolences to them.  
Michael 'Howdy' Smith

Howdy Smith - February 13 at 04:14 PM

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“ uncle allen was always teasing us girls when we went to stay at him and aunt dianes place during the summers i just loved going there when i was young i will truly miss uncle Allen I do remember going to spokane to visit and Allen and Diane came to Kandys and I had children by then Allen started his teasing and my step daughter Brandy fell into his bluff and he tied her to the tree with her hair something she will never forget but it taught her a lesson not to be thinking she was as bad as my uncle dropped her down a couple inches  
Love to All Kim Marks

Kim Marks - February 13 at 03:54 PM



“ silly me old age hitting me i forgot my daughter jackie was also tied to the tree with brandy by uncle allen lol oops  
Kim - February 13 at 04:01 PM



“ The past 50+ years, Allen could always be counted upon to be cheerful, good natured and hospitable.  
He always welcomed me (and my cat!) with open arms no matter the time of day or night, at the farm or in town.  
Allen always went along with what others of us wanted to do for family gatherings. He never missed an opportunity to tease.  
He will be so sorely missed, but his sweet smile, kindness and generosity will live on in our hearts.

Linda Chauvin (cousin) - February 13 at 02:55 PM

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“ I remember being around my Uncle Allen as a kid. He was forever teasing and joking with us. He was such a gentle spirit, a wonderful husband to my aunt and father to my cousins. Uncle Allen will surely be missed. We as a family are blessed for having him in our lives. To my Aunt Diane, Rob, Donna and Sandra, please know I am with you in spirit Love you all, Kellie



**Kellie Marks** - February 13 at 03:09 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to Diane and all the family. I am saddened by your loss. I pray that the Lord will bring strength and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. May there be many fond memories to sustain you. Lovingly, Beverly Schaad

**Beverly Schaad** - February 12 at 03:06 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort to Allen's families in these days of adjusting. We spend many happy times together with family occasions and holidays. Many good memories to hold on to. Love to all Peggy and families

**peggy miller** - February 12 at 12:24 AM

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“ Praying for comfort in this difficult time. You will hold your memories of Allen forever in your hearts.  
I'm sure Paul and Allen are having a great reunion and talking NASCAR!  
Linda Carter

**Linda Carter** - February 11 at 12:40 PM

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“ Geisinger is following this tribute.

**Geisinger** - February 10 at 09:31 PM



“ Always a smile and a kind word. Allen had a way of making us feel like family from day one. We will miss his stories, his smile, his sense of humor and his visits. Rest in the arms of an angel, until we meet again.  
Jay and Lorri Geisinger

**Geisinger** - February 10 at 09:29 PM



“ He love a good joke and story, for sure and for certain.

**Howdy Smith** - February 13 at 01:04 PM



“ Uncle Allen made me feel safe and at peace when I was a little girl, and when I was expecting my own little girl. If he judged me, I never knew it. He was an observer...a thinker...and a tease! I'll miss his laughter. Love you Uncle Allen!

**Katrina** - February 13 at 03:50 PM



“ Thinking back to old school days back to the "class of 57". RIP my friend.

Bruce Carman

**Bruce Carman** - February 14 at 01:29 AM