



Randall Alfred Cook

September 16, 1945 - February 16, 2017

Randall (Randy) A. Cook, 71, of Tallahassee, FL, passed away Feb. 16, 2017 after a very brief battle with cancer. Randy was born in Baltimore, MD, but his family later relocated to Winter Park, FL, where he graduated from Winter Park High in 1963. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1967 where he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity, and continued his education at Rollins College, where he received an M.B.A.

After graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force in the Office of Special Investigations, and then embarked on a decades-long career as a Federal Investigator for the Department of Defense and NASA, among other agencies. In recent years, he served as Senior Investigator for the State of Florida's Attorney General's office. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Lt. Colonel in 1994, after 28 years of service.

Randy was a lifelong motor sports racing enthusiast, and the author of two books about American-powered Ferraris. He was well known on the east coast vintage racing and car show circuit, and has held memberships in several racing organizations over the years, including SCCA, VSRA, and HSR. He was also a long-time volunteer at the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen, NY where he worked as an archivist, donating much from his personal collection to the Center.

Randy was a kind and generous man, a dog lover, full of fascinating stories, and beloved by many.

Randy was survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Laurie Cook; his two daughters, Kristina Hort of New York, NY and Kelli Rogers of Live Oak, FL; three grandchildren, Vivian and Ella Hort and Colton Rogers; and three sisters, Lynda Pletcher of Durham, NC, Claudia Baron of Clermont, FL, and Julie Cook of Jacksonville, FL.

A celebration of life is planned for early April—details to follow. In lieu flowers, please make a donation in his name to the Leon County Humane Society. <http://www.lchs.info/donate/>

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall

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“ I can't tell you how sad I am today at the passing of Randy. Truly one of the best people I've ever known. I worked with him in three agencies and he became one of my best friends and supporters. I wasn't aware that he had passed but was going to look him up next week in Tallahassee. Rest in peace my great friend and thank you for so many years of friendship and belief in me. You were a great man Randy and a true friend. I will never forget you. Tony Burnell

Tony Burnell - January 03, 2018 at 02:49 AM

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“ The Celebration of Life/Interment of the ashes will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak, FL. <http://www.stlukesliveoak.org/> Everyone is welcome. For more information, you can email me at KCHWriter4@gmail.com

Kristi Cook Hort - March 02, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ When i first began volunteering at the International Motor Racing Research center, Randy took me "under his wing" helping me learn the myriad of things that were involved with the Center. He was extremely knowledgeable about sports car racing as everyone knows, and was always willing to share his knowledge with anyone who visited the Center. He was always very patient with me, and very quickly I considered him a friend. One of my favorite memories was taking Randy to Oswego Speedway (definitely NOT a sports car track) for an evening of super modified racing. He had a smile on his face the entire night! I shall miss his visits...his calls...his wisdom and wit...but most of all, his friendship. RIP Randy!
Kip Zeiter

Kip Zeiter - February 24, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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“ My acquaintance with Randy went back only about four years to when he was working on his Bowtie Ferraris book and contacted me about a car I had owned, but that began a good friendship and the discovery that our trails had crossed unknowingly many times over the years since we both graduated from the University of Alabama in 1967. We met at several vintage car events over the past few years and spent a lot of time together at Monterey last August where he graciously invited me to join him at the Concorso Italiano and we talked at length while displaying and selling his latest book, *Blue Oval Ferraris*.

Randy loved classic sports cars, and those cars always have a story behind them which he loved to hear and share in conversation and through his books. He had a full and fascinating life, and his own story is a classic in itself. Rest in peace, my friend.

*Darrell Westfaul
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*



Darrell Westfaul - February 24, 2017 at 11:32 AM

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Kristina Cook Hort - February 23, 2017 at 01:28 PM