



Wesley Cook

December 24, 1923 - December 21, 2017

Former Mayor of Croswell- Wesley Cook, 93 of Croswell and Ormond Beach, FL died Dec. 21, 2017 in Daytona Beach, after a short illness. He was born Dec. 24, 1923 in Watertown, MI to the late Ira & Myrtle (French) Cook. He graduated from Croswell High School in 1941. He proudly served his country in WW II from April 1943 to December 1945. He served in the European Theatre of Operations, earning five battle stars for his participation in the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and other major battles in north and central Europe. They saw action in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

He married Bette Rae (Griffith) Weller on March 10, 1948 in Bowling Green, Ohio, and was looking forward to celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this March. After the war, he owned and operated the "Standard" gas station in Croswell. He later sold cars for Lindke Auto Sales in Croswell for a number of years. He obtained his insurance license and in 1960 founded the Wes Cook Insurance Agency which he ran until his retirement in 1985. He served on the Croswell City Council from 1960-1976, serving as Mayor from 1966-1976. He continued his service to the City of Croswell, resigning his position on the Zoning/Planning Commission in 2016.

Throughout his life he was involved in many organizations. He was a Life Member of the American Legion Post 255 and served for many years on the Sanilac County Veterans Trust Fund board. He was active in many fraternal organizations including Life Member of Croswell Lodge #469 F & AM,

Commandery, Royal Arch Masons and El Khurafeh Shrine. He was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He and Bette loved to travel and took many trips to Europe. They also spent many winters in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas before they began spending them in Florida. They loved to dance and over the years could be found at numerous Octoberfests, polka parties and square dances. He looked forward to attending army reunions that spanned nearly 70 years and 5 different states. Even though the numbers dwindled in attendance they still continued to meet. The last reunion was in 2016 with only two in attendance.

Wes is survived by his wife, Bette Rae; his children James (Sue) Weller of Lexington, Jerry (Joann) of Deckerville, Jane McLane of Croswell , and Janice Danielson of Ludington; his sister, Marie Archambault of FL; and his grandchildren Debbie (Aaron) Jolley, Steve (Sharon) Cook, Dennis (Cathy) Cook, Mike McLane and Julie McLane, five step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Merle, his sister Wanda Studaker and his grandson Jimmy Weller; his son in law, Bob Danielson and step great grandson, Matt Kocan.

Those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Wes to the family for the purchase of park benches or flag poles for the City of Croswell. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 2-8 P.M. at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell. A Masonic Service will be held at 7 P.M. Tuesday evening. Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Croswell, with visiting from 12 Noon until 1 P.M., Elder Don Wixson of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Military Rites will be provided by the Croswell American Legion Post #255. Inurnment will be in the Croswell Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Croswell Cemetery

299 Davis Street
Croswell, MI 48422

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Croswell
6 S. Howard Ave.
Croswell, MI 48422
(810) 679-9800
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

Church Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
7 S. Howard Ave.
Croswell, MI 48422
(810) 679-3352
firstpresbycros@att.net

Tribute Wall

TE

“ We enjoyed attending many dances with Wes and Bette! He was always a fun person to be around! Tom's folks, Al and Pat Ebner, considered Wes and Bette their best friends, and enjoyed going on many trips with them as well as dances! They had such good times together!

Tom and Sue Ebner - May 23, 2018 at 07:40 AM

JM

They were great friends 'the 4 of them'. And oh the fun stories they could tell of their many trips, dances & other adventures. Jane Cook McLane

Jane Cook McLane - November 18, 2018 at 10:01 PM

PA

“ We will miss Wes All the dances and trips we made and all the adventures. We have good memories and are grateful for knowing him. Wally & Pat.

Pat - December 26, 2017 at 02:51 PM

DG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Know he is at peace and in gods hands. You are all in our thoughts and Love, hugs and prayers!!! Dale & Lynn Guenthardt

Dale & Lynn Guenthardt - December 23, 2017 at 08:52 PM

TW

“ Wes thanks for service for our country sure enjoyed the chat with you last summer RIP Love Terry and Helen

Terry and Helen Wilson - December 23, 2017 at 07:54 AM

SH

“ *Janice, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. It is especially difficult at this time of year (Bills Mom passed Dec 17, 2010 so we know how hard it is for you)*

Sally Halsey - December 22, 2017 at 11:21 PM

SA

“ *A true gentleman. A wonderful father. Always so happy with such a great laugh!! He took such delight in his beautiful wife Bette and his wonderful family. He told a great story which always had a chuckle or two in it. And....he was a good chef!! I was fortunate to have him, Bette and his loving daughter Janice as my neighbors. I will miss his lovely smile and booming voice. May you rest in peace Wes. May your loving family be comforted at this difficult time by years of beautiful memories.*

sandy allten - December 22, 2017 at 08:26 PM

HM

“ *Mary Ellen and I send our prayers and condolences to the entire family. Always enjoyed his positive outlook and personality. He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have had the privilege of meeting him.*

Harry and Mary Ellen Mageski - December 22, 2017 at 04:10 PM

RH

“ *Every Opportunity I had to visit and be with Wes was a pleasure. He was always upbeat sharing his positive outlook. He was a good and decent man. Rev Kenneth Hetzel*

Rev Kenneth Hetzel - December 22, 2017 at 03:10 PM

SL

We are so sorry. Thought he was doing better. He was such a kind and cheerful man. Our prayers are with you.

Sharron and Jon Lusher - December 22, 2017 at 05:35 PM

MS

So sorry sending love and. Prayers. Love. Lanny. And. Marilyn

marilyn sawdon. - December 23, 2017 at 08:59 AM



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Pomeroy Funeral Home - December 22, 2017 at 01:25 PM