

David Blood Cook

August 26, 1932 ~ January 19, 2025

Cartographer David Blood Cook drafted his last map and followed his final road in life. David Blood Cook was born in Davis County, Utah on August 27th, 1932, to Annie Blood Cook and David Laverda Cook. Dave grew up in Layton, Utah with two older brothers, John Blood Cook & Richard Dean Cook and his favorite cousin, Garn Whitesides (Whitey). His family also took in numerous borders during the Great Depression, that Dave fondly told stories about.

Dave had an amazing childhood and would spend hours playing with his much-loved turtle. It was back in the day where you could run free and just be a kid. Well, all except for Dave whose mom lovingly tied him and his turtle to a clothesline so Dave didn't strip naked and take off to the corner store to steal all their candy. His parents had a running tab at the store.

Growing up Dave went to Davis High School and had many adventures along the way. Dave worked in his parent's flower shop as a young man where he got to develop some of his creativity. He was a self-taught woodworker, craftsman, metal worker and so much more. His talents far exceeded anyone else we knew. Dave attended the U of U until he started struggling to pass his classes. So, he did what he felt was best and joined the Navy at the end of the Korean War. Dave was in the Navy for a short time and then decided it was not for him, so he transferred to the Army as a Private First Class. Dave stayed in the service for a short while and then went back to college. Dave graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor's in geography. In the 60's He met his wife of 58 years, Sharon Parry, and they married on June 18th, 1966.

Dave and Sharon didn't have it easy. They wanted kids and it was a struggle, but they finally had two very hard children that they raised or should I say survived. For many years Dave worked for the National Weather Service until he got a job for the BLM. Dave was a cartographer, pledging his service to the Government for 60 years before he retired. He was a dedicated, hardworking, honest man that many looked up to. He was the type of man that would give anyone the shirt off his back.

Dave had many hobbies, such as stained glass, wood working, metal worker and could even fly a plane. But the very best hobby of his was his unbelievable gift to make up his own concoction of swear words. As his children we learned the many marvelous concoctions of words that would drift like songs from his shop.

Dave was an avid river runner and was the master of the waters. He ran tours for the Wasatch Mountain Club and took church groups down many rivers. His group was lovingly named Cookie and his Crumbs. He took the kids on many of these runs, which they have very fond memories of.

Dave also really enjoyed making parade floats for the 27th North Ward and involved many of the youth to help. In fact, this is where his son, Daron, developed his love for building, which has shaped his life to this day.

Dave was so OCD we could bet on him as children. He would pull up in the alley at exactly 4:47 on his scooter with his red Scottish hat. We also could bet on the time he'd flush the toilet at night, 10:32 to be exact, after the news and at the beginning of M*A*S*H. He was predictable down to the second. As a snack Dave would make himself 9 crackers and cheese. As kids we would run by and steal one so he had to get everything out again and replace it.

Dave and Sharon were what you would call professional yard salers. They would go every Saturday and were always looking for that bargain.

Dave passed away Sunday, January 19th, 2025 after a cruel battle with dementia. His wife and daughter were by his side as he took his last breath. For the most part he remembered us all but not the everyday things he had loved. Now he is finally at peace. We love you Dad.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and grandson Alex. He is survived by his wife Sharon Cook, son Daron Cook, daughter Alisha Jacobson (Joe). Grandchildren Chris Barber (Ally), Chance Cook (Darci), Dakota Barber, Cole Cook, Tia Howells (Gareth). Three great grandchildren Jameson, Eloise and Coralei.

We would like to extend a special thanks to his hospice team, Kylee, Marie, Kelly and Lori and all that helped him in the end..

Funeral services will be held on February 1st, 2025 at the 27th North Ward at 11:00am. 185 North P Street. Salt Lake City, Utah. Interment will follow directly after in the Salt Lake City Cemetery at 4th Ave and N Street. Luncheon to follow in the gym of the 27th North ward.