

Obituary

Mr. Robert Ehrlich, Cook III was born on November 4, 1940, in Prosperity, South Carolina. He was the youngest child of the late Robert E. Cook, Jr. and Marie Cook. He departed life on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Mr. Cook was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1958. He was drafted into the United States Marine Corps, at Parris, Island, South Carolina, and served in Korea. After his tour of service, he returned to Columbia, South Carolina to his high school, sweetheart and wife, Mary Louise. As a child, he attended Cedar Creek A.M.E. Church, but while living in Columbia, he attended Bethel A.M.E. and Saint James A.M.E. Church.

Mr. Cook worked for Colonial Stores, Inc. for many years, and later decided on moving into Transportation, where he drove long-distance trailers on the East Coast.

One of his favorite past-times was spending time with family and friends, having discussions about life and learning from one's mistakes. Mr. Cook also was a Mason and a Shriner. He enjoyed working various roles as a mason when he lived in Bronx, New York. Mr. Cook was a man of style and class. He enjoyed a fashionable brim with matching socks, bowties, and ties.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marie Cook; and his son, Fernando Cook.

Mr. Robert E. Cook III leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mary Louise Cook; three daughters, Rosalind Cook-Hillian, Primavera Cook Jeter, and Marinaca Cook-Riess, all of Columbia and West Columbia, SC; Tank and Vero, his trusty fur babies, whom he loved; his sister, Barbara Johnson, of Brooklyn, New York; his nieces, Mikki Johnson, of Clayton, Delaware and Sharon Johnson, of Brooklyn, New York; his nephews, Micheal Johnson, of Atlanta, Georgia and Robert W. Johnson, of Middletown, Delaware; three brothers-in-law; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; great nieces, great nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.
Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina

- Prelude.....“Total Praise”
 (Recording by: Richard Smallwood)
- Processional
- Viewing Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn
- Invocation Reverend Mary Glisson
- Old Testament.....Ms. Tanita Ingram
 Psalm 23
- New Testament.....Ms. Rosalind Cook-Hillian
 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
- Prayer Reverend Mary Glisson
- Remarks..... Mr. Albert Green
BTW Class President and Classmate
 Mr. Michael Johnson
Nephew, Atlanta, Georgia
- Selection.....“Goin’ Up Yonder”
 (Recording by Tramaine Hawkins)
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Rebecca Asbell
 Saint James A.M.E. Church
- Recessional..... “Goin’ Up Yonder”
 (Instrumental Recording by: Tramaine Hawkins)
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina

My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in
Don't say I lost the battle,

It was God's war to lose or win

Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best

Just say, I tried to do what's right,

The most I could, not less

Please don't give me wings or halos, That's for God to do.

I want no more than I deserve, no extra, just my due.

Please don't give flowers or talk in real hush tones

Don't be concerned about me now,

I'm with God, I've made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been,

It's over and it's done.

Just see to all my family's needs especially my daughters, I truly
love.

When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint

I've done good, I've done some wrong

So use all of your paint, not just the bright and light tones

Use some gray and dark; In fact,

Don't paint me down on canvas

Paint me in your heart

Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad

For life is full of many things, Some happy and some sad

But if you must do something, then I have one last request

Forgive me for the wrongs I've done

And with the love that's left

Thank God for my soul is resting,

Thank God for I've been blessed,

Thank God for all who loved me,

Praise God who loved me best!

Pallbearers

Nephews and Grandsons

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters, Great-granddaughters,
and Grandnieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Robert Ehrlich Cook, III, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy, we pray.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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