



Thomas Cook

December 10, 1939 - October 18, 2009

Thomas Cook, 69, of Rockford died at 10:35 pm on October 18, 09 in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. Tom was born on December 10, 1939 in Rockford. Son of Howard and Marion (Davis) Cook. United in Marriage to Frances Taylor on June 18, 1960 at Zion Lutheran Church. Tom was devoted to his family, they share fond memories of time spent together, sharing stories and listening to the delivery of his never ending repertoire of jokes. He had a great sense of humor. Tom recently fulfilled a dream of opening a business with his wife and sister-in-law, "Mini's On a Mission," which funds local missionaries and other organizations. Tom was the driving force behind Hope Ministries. In the last year, he was able to travel to see his grandchildren in El Paso. Tom worked for Cassens Transportation as a truck driver and MedPlus as a patient bus driver. He is survived by his wife, Frances; son, Ty (Debbie) Cook of El Paso, TX; grandchildren, Billy, Matt, Lauren, Hannah and Abigail Cook; brothers James (Irene) Cook, John (Elly) Cook, sister, Marianne (Scott) Nelson; sister-in-law, Karlene (Jim) Irvin; nieces and nephews, Danielle Taylor, Kim Martin Irvin, Jason Irvin, Ben Irvin, Graham Nelson, Maralisa Cook; and many treasured friends. Preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 11 am at Heartland Community Church, 1280 South Alpine Road, Rockford, Rev. Doug Thiesen, officiant. Visitation will be from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday, October 22nd at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 1340 South Alpine Road, Rockford and at 10 am, until the time of the service at Heartland Community Church. Interment in

Scandinavian Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made in Tom's name to Hope Ministries. To leave an online condolence, please visit graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Cook



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Cook



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“ Dear Fran and family,
So sorry to read of Tom's passing but, knowing your faith and God's promises, we are also in joy of his homecoming with our wonderful Lord. "Instant kinship" are the words that come to our mind when we think of Tom. From the first time you met Tom to every point thereafter, you got the feeling he was a dear and genuine friend. That's how we felt, even though, sadly, we didn't take advantage of that kinship with Fran and Tom as we would have liked. We will someday ... as we, too, have "a place reserved for us, that is undefiled, that won't fade away" called heaven. Our prayers are with you Fran. I think you know that. Love, Dick and Darleen###imported-begin###Dick and Darleen Burkett###imported-end##

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“ My brother Steve called me to tell me Tom's passing. I know your memories of Tom's humor will give you strength and comfort through the coming days. May God bless you and your family.
Sincerely, Heidi###imported-begin###Heidi Lashock###imported-end##

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