

## **William “Woody” Cook**

07/05/1929-12/24/2015

William “Woody” Cook age 86, of Gas City, Indiana and former Portland resident passed away Thursday in Colonial Oaks Rehabilitation in Marion. He was born in Ohio on July 5, 1929 the son of Lloyd and Freeda (Bookout) Cook. He was married July 29, 1950 to Iris Lucille DeBoy and she died September 23, 1990, he later married Carol Bowser on February 14, 2004 and she survives. He served with the US Army during WW II. He was a Poling High School graduate, member of Jay Lodge #87 F&AM and played with the Portland Rockets baseball team. He was a construction engineer having help build Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. He was an ordained minister and had also was a owner operator of a Mobile Gas Station in Portland and worked at Sheller-Globe.

Surviving are two sons William A. Cook of Decatur and Robert L. Cook (wife Brenda) of Lynchburg, Va., two daughters Karen Riddley of Chatham, Il. And Kristy Duddy (husband Joe) of Elkhart, IN., one brother Phillip Cook of Redkey and one sister Donna Coolman of Lawrence, Ks., Five step sons Carl Bowser (wife Tracie) of Gas City, Mike Bowser (wife Debbie) of Marion, Randy Bowser (wife Renee') of Marion, David Bowser (wife Susan) of Marion and Terry Bowser of Gas City, one step daughter Amy Martin (husband Drayton) of Eager, Az. Twelve grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, eleven step-grandchildren and fourteen step great grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. In the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Paul McPherson presiding. Visitation will be from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday. American Legion Post #211 will conduct military rites following the service at the funeral home. Memorials can be given to New Life Fellowship Church in Gas City, Indiana.

**Baird-Freeman Funeral Home online obit (accessed 12/30/2015)**

[buried Lawndale Cemetery, Randolph County, IN]