



John "Jack" Crook Sr.

July 13, 1920 - February 3, 2018

John (Jack) Miles Crook, Sr. 97, of Marietta, South Carolina, went to be with the Lord after a long life of giving on Saturday, February 3, 2018 in his home with his loving wife of 68 years, Annabel Kizer Crook and his loving family by his side.

Born July 13, 1920 in Quitman, Mississippi, Jack was the second of seven children of the late Harry and Anne Crook. As a young man, Jack served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Shortly after the beginning of World War II, Jack bravely volunteered to serve in the United States Marine Corps for four years in the Pacific. Jack then earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Jack worked for JE Serrine Co. of Greenville as the materials handling staff engineer from 1967 until his retirement in 1985.

Jack was an adventurer who enjoyed a very active outdoorsman's life. He loved fishing, hunting, camping and vegetable gardening. He loved and played music and was a master craftsman who could design and build anything. He designed and built a very fine fishing and sport boat and four beautiful homes for his family. Jack and Annabel attended the Marietta First Baptist Church in Marietta for many years. Jack was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Franklin, Virginia and laid the cornerstone of their new hospital. He served as the Scout Master of Troop 17 of Eastland Baptist Church in

Greenville from 1968 to 1971.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his brothers Harland and Gaines, sisters Ruth Carter and Ouita Fleming and two infant siblings.

Jack leaves behind his beloved sons, John Miles Crook, Jr. of Marietta and William Henry Crook of Greenville and grandson Jeffrey Aaron Crook of Greer and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jack devoted his life to his family and friends. He raised his sons to be kind and considerate men and he loved teaching them many useful craftsman skills and mentoring them through their lives. He was a loving, kind and generous person to all. He took a genuine interest in other people's lives. He had a great sense of humor and always looked on the bright side of life. Jack will be loved, cherished and remembered by everyone he ever knew into eternity.

Visitation services will be held at The Howze Mortuary, 6714 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, S.C. 29690 on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Graveside services will be conducted at Memorial Park Cemetery, 2720 Broughton, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115 on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. Memorials may be made to any church or charity.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2720 Broughton St.
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary, Inc.
6714 State Park Road
P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-8051
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<https://www.thehowzemortuary.com/>

Burial

FEB 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Park Cemetery
2720 Broughton St.
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Annabel and Family,*

I am ashamed to be so late in acknowledging the passing of my great friend Jack. James Henson was on time to send me an e-mail, but I failed to see it until this last hour.

The last time I spoke with Jack he told me they were moving to Orangeburg, but I never obtained an address. Even this year, he and Annabel were on my mind to try to find them.

Jack came to SIRRINE when I was in the field for St. Regis at Monticello, Miss. I returned in 1968 and we were associates at work until his retirement. He and I soon became close friends. I had many good friends at SIRRINE who helped me in so many ways, but Jack was one of the best. Jo Ann (passed Aug. '16) and I had many pleasant visits at his home and enjoyed some of Annabel's good cooking, too.

So many things run through my mind as try to write, but I can sum it up by saying Jack was "a six o'clock man" and will be greatly missed!

John "Jake" Gressette

Jake Gressette - February 13, 2018 at 07:43 PM

HC

“ *So sorry to read of Uncle Jack's passing. Ann Carter daughter of Ruth Carter*

Harriett Ann Carter - February 06, 2018 at 07:06 PM

CV

“ *Annabel and Sylvia,*

We are so blessed to have witnessed the influence of such a hard working, industrious family man. Thank you for sharing so much with my parents and loving them well. "Uncle Jack" will be deeply missed and all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the following days and months ahead.

*George and Cathy Vaughan
(sister of Cindy Ott)
Duluth, Georgia*

Cathy Vaughan - February 06, 2018 at 10:10 AM

GP

“ *Georgia Prescott lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Crook Sr.*



Georgia Prescott - February 05, 2018 at 08:22 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for you loss. I was a cashier at Bi-lo for many years and I enjoyed being the one to ring up his groceries. We talked many times and even when I was shopping I would run into him and we would chat. You could see his love for others. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and give you comfort...*

Jean Tyson - February 05, 2018 at 01:54 PM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the passing of Mr. Jack.

I started to work for J. E. Serrine Company in February of 1974. I was assigned to Mr. Jack Crook - I was 28 years young - Jack was 53 years young and he taught me so much about Materials Handling.

What a great engineer but a better person!!! He was so kind and understanding and will be missed by all. .

*Tom Henderson
Materials Handling Group
Jacobs - Greenville, SC*

Tom Henderson - February 05, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Crook Sr..



February 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM

JC

“ We have very fond memories of Uncle Jack. He and Annabel always welcomed us to their home. Uncle Jack always made us laugh as he shared stories with laughter himself.

He was a giving man as well. When I graduated from college and worked at the same company Jack did, he and Annabel gave me a place to stay for several weeks and even shared meals with me during that time.

We had some fun visits and always enjoyed seeing their latest Christmas additions. We celebrated a great time down by their lake one July 4th with fishing, a picnic and fireworks. They loved sharing their home. We are thankful for the life of Jack Crook.

Joe and Cindy Crook (Joe is the third child, second son of Harlan, Jack's oldest brother)

Joe Crook - February 04, 2018 at 11:25 PM

HC

“ Harlan's Children purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Crook Sr..



Harlan's Children - February 04, 2018 at 10:33 PM

AC

“ I know I didn't get to visit with Uncle Jack much over the years. But I admired how he loved the county life and the hands-on way of doing things. Only got to see his hand-built home for him and Aunt Anabel a couple of time back when I worked at Serrine, but that reinforced my ambition to have a home in the country and enjoy what God provides if we work hard. Uncle Jack, I feel sure, enjoyed his long years because of that and the endless love of Aunt Anabel.

Jackie and Billy, your father was a special person and I'm sure that he made you proud.

My thoughts and prays are with you at this time when only God's love and comfort can truly give peace.

Allan Crook, youngest son of Harlan Crook, Jack's older brother

Allan Crook - February 03, 2018 at 04:42 PM