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Marion Bryant Cook, age 85, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, passed away in the early morning hours on Monday, October 08, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Mary Bryant Cook; his wife of 63 years, Stella Bell Birdwell Cook; one brother, Robert Cook and one grandson, Jagger Cook. He is survived by three sons, Richard Cook (Theresa), Barry Cook (Ellie), Brian Cook (Krista); two daughters, Vicki Harper (John), Amanda Hope Cook (Ann); sisters, JoAnn Burgett, Faye Bales (Chuck), Sandra Cox (Bobby); one brother, Wayne (Dot) Cook, sister-in-law, Dorothy Cook. Eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren. Marion was an artist in the Nashville community for 65 years. He enjoyed using oil on canvas for his paintings. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Marion's honor to the Frist Art Museum, Nashville, Tennessee in his memory or Northwood Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Visitation for Marion will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN, 37216, from 4 PM until 8 PM, and again on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 10 AM until 11 AM, at which time a Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony will be conducted from the chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, a Nashville landmark since 1785 "Where Nashville comes to Remember"



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Visitation

- Thursday**, October 11, 2018
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Visitation

- Friday**, October 12, 2018
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
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Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

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Cemetery Details

- Spring Hill Cemetery**
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- 615-866-1419**





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Adam Marsh posted:

My grandmother, Bonnie Delffs, passed away in 2017. Each and every memory I have of the house she called home started and ended with a painting hung on the wall by this man. From the first one she had commissioned in 1977, of her childhood home in Poplar NC, to the last, one she saved for months for, painted in 1991 that hangs in my living room today. Because of my grandmothers love of his art, as a teen, she enrolled me in his art class. Anyone in the know, understands that it was so very much more than an art class. Our relationship grew over the months and short years. A few weekends in the summer, I would tend to his yard for payment towards art classes. I was fortunate to see his picturesque home, visit his workshop, and stand in awe of the beautiful peacocks dancing around in the lawn. I will never forget the principles he instilled in me. How he removed so many doubts and fears and helped me keep away the restrictions that bound me from my expressing my full creative potential. In many ways, he made me the man I am today. I love you, Mr. Cook. Rest In Peace.

December 20 at 7:57 AM



Allen Kirkwood posted:

I did not know Mr. Cook, but I have had the great fortune to work with his son Brian for more than 20 years. If the old saying "the nut never falls far from the tree" is true, then Mr. Cook was a fine man. My condolences to the Cook family on your loss.

October 12 at 11:15 AM



Debbie Vanderpool posted:

I did not know Mr. Cook personally except for all the wonderful things that I heard about him from my dear mother, Helen Diamond, who was his student and trusted friend for so many years. I know he will be sadly missed - I wish I could have had the pleasure of meeting him. My sympathy to his family.
Debbie Vanderpool

October 12 at 5:11 AM



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Mary Hannah posted:

Mr. Cook was an amazing art teacher. I signed my two children up with his Saturday morning art class nearly 20 years ago when they were about 6 and 8 years old. I was apprehensive about leaving them for a full session on their first day and told Mr. Cook I would pick them up halfway through. He was adamant that I leave them for the entire class so I did so reluctantly. I came back after their 3 and half hour class and found Mr. Cook sitting cross legged Indian style in the hallway floor with paint across his nose painting a picture with my normally very rambunctious 6 year old son who was hanging on every word his teacher spoke. Neither of my kids wanted to leave after class that day or any other class they took from him thereafter. Mr. Cook had an infectious passion for painting and I'm so happy my family had the honor of being around such a truly great artist and more importantly such a magnificent human being.

October 11 at 9:19 AM



Toby & Joy Delk posted:

We will miss Marion. We will always think of him a great artist, friend, teacher, and mentor. He loved his family and students dearly. We have a lot of wonderful memories. One favorite is how much he enjoyed roller skating, even in his 80's!Toby & Joy D.

October 11 at 3:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Cook family.



October 10 at 4:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cook family.



October 10 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Cook family.



October 10 at 10:09 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cook family.

October 10 at 6:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Cook family.

October 10 at 6:47 AM



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Helen Diamond posted:

Marion was a wonderful artist, a great teacher and one of my dearest friends. He will be truly missed. My love and deepest sympathy to the family. Helen Diamond

October 10 at 4:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Cook family.

October 8 at 8:48 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marion by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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