



Charles E. Cook, 65, of Decatur, IN, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2015, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He was born on November 30, 1949, in Decatur, IN to the late Charles F. and Elizabeth (Young) Cook. On October 11, 1975, he married Stephania J. Andrews.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and of its Knights of Columbus Council 864. He was in the first graduating class from Belmont High School in 1968 and then received an associate's degree from Colorado Northwestern in Rangely, CO.

Charlie served his country in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972 as a military police officer. Upon returning home he worked for G.E. in Decatur for 2 years. In 1974 he began his employment with the City of Decatur Police Department, where he was the city's first Deputy Chief and served for 20 years. In 1994, he began his 22 year career with the Adams County Sheriff's Department. He was the first School Resource Officer for the county, beginning in 2000 and serving at all 3 school county districts, with his last position being at Adams Central before retiring in April of 2015.

He served 3 terms as a Decatur City Councilman. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion Post 43, and Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddies.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved his family and dog Gracie. Charlie cared deeply for his community and always placed others before himself.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years Stephania J. Cook; his son Christopher R. Cook both of Decatur; a brother Gregory A. (Deborah) Cook of Decatur; 4 sisters Patricia A. Poinsette of Ft. Wayne, Judith L. (Ron) Baker of Bentonville, AR, Carol S. (Roger) Wisley and Margaret A. (Tom) Surgener both of Noblesville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2:00 – 4:00 & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 1:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with Father David Voors presiding. Military Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to the A.C.C.F Kidney Fund or to Decatur Downtown Revitalization.

Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 3/15/2016)