

Merrill Reed Cook

September 11, 1943 - June 14, 2004



STAYTON - Merrill Reed Cook, 60, of Stayton, Ore. returned home to his Father in Heaven due to a car accident near Mountain Home, Idaho on June 14, 2004. He was born Sept. 11, 1943 in Arco, Idaho but had lived in Oregon for the past 17 years.

Merrill was employed as a breakdown coordinator for May Trucking. He was a member of the LDS Church.

Survivors include his wife, Julie; sons, Shawn M. (Elaine) of Salem, Trevor R. (Noelle) and Corey D. (Heidi) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughter, Heather (Dwight) Hemmert and son, Michael S. (Tamara) Clark of Salem; mother, Eunice Cook of Stayton; sister, LaVerne Bird of Othello, Wash.;

brother, DeLynn (Darla) Cook of Salem; and 14 grandchildren. His father, Delwin, and brother, Wayne, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Fri., June 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1400 Western Ave., Stayton, with interment in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland. Arrangements are by Weddle Funeral Home, Stayton.

From: Laverne Bird
To: Lucille Hansen ; Alonzo Cook
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2004 7:03 PM
Subject: Merrill

I am sadly informing you that Merrill was killed in an accident Monday morning as we was returning from a meeting in St. George, Utah. They were near Mountain Home, Idaho. They are all still in Boise. Hopefully Julie will be well enough to come home today. His wife Julie was driving Merrill's son's van, went to sleep, ran off the road overcorrected and rolled the van. Merrill was sleeping with the seat tilted back. He had the seatbelt on but because the seat was tilted he was ejected along with his daughter in law. She has a broken pelvis, broken ribs, broken shoulder and a lacerated liver. His son Shawn has a concussion and has a problem with his short-term memory.

Julie is having a hard time because she is blaming herself. We are all praying for them. Mother has taken it very well. She had some feelings that something was going to happen to Merrill.

I have been to San Diego to my grand daughters baptism. I stopped by Salem for my daughter Laurel's son's wedding on Friday night and Julie's son's wedding on Saturday. I am so thankful that I was here.

The funeral will be sometime Friday here in Salem and they are going to bury him here. We would appreciate it if you would notify your families. I don't have telephone numbers with me. Lucille could you let someone in Ray's family know, also someone in Reed's family. Lon will you please let someone in your family know. Thanks so much. I am at my son's house but will be at DeLynn's today. That is where Mother is. His phone number is 503 581 4255.