



Florence Ruth (Zickell) Cook

February 20, 2018

Florence was born in 1927 in West Boylston, MA, daughter of Albert F. and Emily (Lancisi) Zickell. She attended Leominster schools in Massachusetts, graduating with the Class of 1945.

Florence and Russell R. Cook, Sr. were married in December 1949. They settled in Greenville, NH in the home they built themselves. Here, they raised their three children. Their children and grandchildren have been endlessly thankful for Florence's endearing love, patience, and guidance.

Florence was happiest surrounded by her family and friends, and was often the life of the party. Everyone was family to Florence. She was "Mom Cook" and "Grandma Cookie" to many more than just her family. She took great delight in attending recitals, plays, programs, and games over the years, always cheering all the "kids" on.

Florence could often be found behind a crossword puzzle, with her nose in a book, camping in the Airstream, entertaining her grandkids, and traveling with Russ and family. She had many culinary specialties, but was best known for her baked beans, hot fudge, and mustard.

In addition to raising her family, Florence was central to the formation and growth of Russ Cook Tours. For forty years, she was in charge of all office operations and worked side by side with Russ.

Florence was known for her abundant generosity. She volunteered for over twenty years at St. Joseph's Hospital. As proud a member of the "Greatest Generation," the needs of veterans were near and dear to her heart. She knit countless baby hats, slipper socks, and prayer shawls that were donated to local charities. Florence had just completed a beautiful sweater set for the joyous occasion of her first great-grandchild, arriving in June.

Florence will be remembered for her love of family, positive and loving outlook, and self-reliance. Most will remember her as a great listener, confidant, and loving friend.

Florence was pre-deceased by her husband of 63 years, Russell R. Cook, Sr., her son Russell R. Cook, Jr., her son-in-law, Peter A. Michaud, her sisters Mary Lacilla, Eleanor F. O'Malley, and Ida M. Clements.

Florence is survived by her children, Robin Michaud of Center Harbor, Francis and Constance Cook of Greenville, and her dearest Kate Thomsen of Pennington, NJ. She is survived by her four grandchildren, Gregory Michaud and his wife Megan, Katelyn Michaud and her husband Benjamin, Zachary Cook and his significant other Samantha Sinclair, and Christopher Cook. Florence also leaves her special nieces, nephews, and many, many friends who she considered members of her ever-expanding extended family.

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear mother, Florence. Take comfort in a promise from God found at Isaiah 25:8 ; "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord, Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." We are reassured of this promise at Revelation 21:4 ; "And he will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore..." I hope you were comforted by these thoughts during this very difficult time.

Reene - February 25, 2018 at 03:05 PM

KT

“ Dearest Mum

I know you were loved by at least half the universe. I know this because their pictures are 5 deep on your kitchen counter wall. I loved getting my updates on your universe as we sat there going through the pictures at breakfast.

When I first met you, we cried more tears together than is humanly possible. We stayed up into the wee hours of the morning consoling each other, getting to know each other, and loving each other. Thank you for taking me under your wing and inviting me to join your family. I know why you invited so many people to join your family. It's because you have such an AWESOME family!! You and Dad Cook created it - you should be so proud. I am a lifer now - I hope you approve.

So many memories, thank you!!! The best are the ones from these recent years when we just sat all weekend talking and talking and talking..... I will still talk to you. I hope to hear back from you - I know I will. My spirit and your spirit are connected forever and probably have been for a long time.

*Enjoy your new life Mum. I love you
Kate*

Kate Thomsen - February 24, 2018 at 07:40 AM

UA

“ My "American Sister" accepted her wings!!!

In 1962 Florence introduced me to the "American Way of Life" and we were BFF's ever since. We laughed and cried together even after I moved to California. However, we added the weather report to the "State of the Family".

*I am grateful to have had this incredible woman in my life
WE SHALL MEET AGAIN, MY FRIEND.*

Ursula Maciej Anderson - February 22, 2018 at 06:45 PM

NS

“ To our other mother – whose kindness, love and compassion for everyone in her life knew no bounds. Even living farther away, she would send a note letting us know about what was new in the family, sharing recent events and asking about ours. Her caring words, a soft reflection, letting us know that she was thinking of us and wishing us well. May we live by her example...sending much love to all her family and friends.

Nancy Scott - February 22, 2018 at 10:45 AM

BR

“ To a great family friend who took time to care for others and be there when you needed her. what a great communicator with a great perspective of life!!!

Bishop Eric & Gloria Richardson - February 21, 2018 at 07:05 PM

DO

“ The Oyer Family of Holyoke MA is very sad to lose such a great friend. God Bless to the entire family.

Don Oyer - February 21, 2018 at 01:22 PM

BT

“ There are no words adequate to describe this incredible woman. Caring, generous, loving and always surrounding her family with love and wise counsel. Rest with the angels.

Barbara Tattersall - February 21, 2018 at 11:15 AM

RG

“ *Robin and Family,
My deepest condolences on your loss. Your Mother was a caring,
giving, loving lady. She will always be remembered fondly by
anyone fortunate enough to to have met her.
May you find comfort in the many memories shared through the
years. May you find comfort at this most difficult time knowing she is
now at peace.*

Rita Gaudet - February 21, 2018 at 10:20 AM

PF

“ *A truly remarkable, wonderful, compassionate, special person left
us today to be with those she has missed and longs to be with. We
are so fortunate to have had her in our lives for as long as we did.
Rest in peace, Florence
You will be missed*

phil and sally flagg - February 20, 2018 at 05:25 PM