



Richard E. Rook

February 9, 1931 - June 21, 2020

Dateline: Alton

Richard Rook, 89, died at 6:12 a.m. Sunday, June 21, 2020 at his daughter's home in House Springs, MO. Born February 9, 1931 in Alton, he was the son of Charles and Clarissa (Brooks) Rook. He attended Humboldt Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School, Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, TN and also Western Military Academy in Alton graduating in 1949. He attended Washington University in St. Louis, MO and Bradley University in Peoria, IL graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1953. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mr. Rook served in the U.S. Air Force at Scott AFB and Landsberg Germany, Base Communications Officer, 7351st Airbase Squadron, Retrain German Luftwaffe Pilots. On February 2, 1952 he married the former Barbara Jean Arnold at Upper Alton Baptist Church. She preceded him in death on August 23, 2018. He was the Vice President of the R and R Construction Co. from 1956-1975 and President of R and R Sales from 1958-1975. He then worked for Wil Freds Construction Co. in Aurora, IL as Vice President from 1975 until his retirement in 1996. He served as Past Chair and Treasurer at Civic Memorial Airport and President of Aurora Downs Race Track in Aurora, IL, and President of Hanover Associates. Mr. Rook was an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Alton, a member of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club, a 32nd Degree Shriner with the Masonic Blue Lodge, served on the Methodist Village Building Board, Senior Service Plus Building Board and

the Alton Memorial Hospital fund raising committee. Surviving is a daughter, Diane Martin (Dennis) of House Springs, MO, a son, Charlie Rook (Angie) of Rosewood Heights, grandchildren, Richard Moran (Angie), Jennifer Fogg (John Whalen), and Rebecca Johnson, great grandchildren, Alex Fogg, Logan Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Riley Whalen, Wyatt Whalen, Ramsey Moran and Calvin James Moran, and a great-great grandson, Bentley Compton. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Rook*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard E. Rook*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Diane and Charlie, I was so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He and your mom were always so kind.*

Martha Rook Beilsmith

Martha Rook Beilsmith - July 13, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ *Richard was a true gentlemen and friend. We were members of the Clyde Wiseman Memorial Bible Study group which has met for many years. He contributed much and is missed and remembered.*

John McDaniels

John McDaniels - July 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *BushPilots M/C Alton Illinois purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard E. Rook.*



BushPilots M/C Alton Illinois - July 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ Richard was a loyal Bible study member for many years. He was a trusted friend, always on time and ready to share with our group! He will be missed, prayed for and not forgotten.

john meehan - July 05, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SK

“ We're so sorry for the loss of your dad, Diane, Dennis, Charlie & Angie.... he was the most personable man in the crowd when he visited the lake!....he and I enjoyed the “crisp white”.... hope heaven has a good supply! Love and hugs to all.... Mitz & Sharon

sharon karraker - June 29, 2020 at 11:36 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear about your father's passing. He was a very nice person. Both Richard and Barbara were a special pair. He will be missed.

Donna Ryder

Donna Ryder - June 29, 2020 at 08:24 AM

CW

“ Richard was an outstanding citizen, great WMA 49er Classmate, and lifetime good friend. We celebrate his life with its many contributions to our society / culture! Look forward to seeing him and his Barbara in Heaven! Chuck Walker '49.

Chuck Walker - June 28, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CJ

“ *Richard was a kind, thoughtful pillar of this community. He will be missed.* ”



CB Jackson - June 28, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RR

“ *Richard Rook was a kind member of the First Presbyterian Church at Fourth and Alby Alton IL 62002 - he is remembered in our prayers and we extend our sympathy.* ”

richard raymond - June 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM