



James P. Cooke

February 5, 1975 - December 31, 2003

James P. Cooke, 28, of Plainville died Wednesday December 31, 2003 at Hartford Hospital from injuries received in a fall at a construction site in Bristol. Born in New Britain, he had lived in Plainville for the past 4 years. James graduated from New Britain High School in 1994, and was a self-employed carpenter in the central Connecticut area. He was a member of the Kensington Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Jennifer Allen Cooke; two daughters, Alexa Cooke and Chelsea Guardarrama, both of Plainville; his parents, Peter Cooke and Geraldine Benton Cooke of New Britain; a brother, Brian Cooke of New Britain; a sister, Alecia Davidson and her husband Mark, also of New Britain; several nieces and nephews including Joshua Davidson; several aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Funeral services are Saturday 10 AM at Kensington Baptist Church; 222 Lincoln Road, Kensington. Calling hours are Friday 5 to 8 PM at the Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James Cooke Family Fund c/o Brian Cooke PO Box 605 New Britain, CT 06050-0605. Please share a memory of James with his family by clicking "sign memorial guestbook" at either the top or bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Jen, Chelsea, Alexa, and the entire Cooke family.

I just want to start off by saying that I will always have great respect for James. It was really hard for me in the beginning to accept the fact that Chelsea was going to have a stepfather, but after meeting James for the first time I knew Jen had made the right choice. James accepted Chelsea into his life and treated her as if she were his own, and for that I will always be thankful. If I had the chance to hand pick one guy to help Jen take care of my niece, without a doubt James would have been that guy!

T.J. Guardarrama - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jen, Alexa, Chelsea & Family,
My deepest sympathies. This may be your darkest hour, but remember, light always follows. Jen, James will always look after you and the girls from up above.

Dominique Mendes - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ James P. Cooke

THE GALLERY SALON - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I love you guys. I know this is so hard, but treasure each and every memory you have with James. I know I will forever. Jen everyone has an angel in heaven, I'm sure James is yours watching down on you and the girls, keeping you safe. Alecia & Brain, your brother was the big brother to me I never had. He was amazing. James may not be here physically, but he will always be in all of our hearts. I love you all and I love you James!

Jennifer Martin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ James will always hold a special place in my heart....He was always there for me when I needed a shoulder to lean on or a friend to make me laugh....He welcomed me into his heart and family...A part of my heart will always be empty...But I do thank god that he is in a better place looking down on us and guiding everyone from above. The Cooke family has made me feel like one of their own....Jen I love you and I will always be by your side with whatever I can do for you and the girls.....Your friendship over the years has truly bonded us far beyond a casual friendship.....I consider you the sister I never had....Love....Angel

Angel St. Pierre - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ A few years ago, at our annual Christmas Eve party, I was sitting in the living room along with some other family members, and James was just sitting, resting, and looking at Jen. When she looked his way, he just winked at her and smiled. Later that evening I told my husband about what I saw and told him...James loves Jen so much, you can just see it in the way he looks at her...I knew then that he would marry our Jenny. James joined our family a long time before he married Jen. We were very fortunate to spend this last Christmas Eve with him. We all loved him very much. His parents did a fine job raising a fine man that we were proud to call ours too. Thank you for sharing him with us. Love, "Auntie Bonnie"

Rock and Bonnie Johnson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Many fond memories of an incredible person. James, you will be remembered always. My deepest condolences to your family.
Margaret

Margaret West Gorzkowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Brian and the Cooke family,
May your faith support you during this time of loss. God has granted you all with the grace of an angel. James was a wonderful friend to my family. His warm heart and lively spirit will live on in the memories of family and friends.
God Bless,
RoseAnn

RoseAnn Sbona Britschgi - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ James was such a special friend, we met in high school and became great friends. I treasure every minute I got to spend with him. To his parents, family and especially his wife and children-I wish you strength and hope that your love for James and great memories will help ease the pain.-Maryann

Maryann Sbona Zyzdorf - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family always.

Love, Doug and Joanne Williams

Doug & Joanne Williams - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I have great memories of great conversations mostly about our shared passion for motorcycles with James. He was a great kid- everyone loved him. I wish all of James' family strength and my deepest sympathy-Manny Sbona

Manny Sbona - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the Cooke family, I am so grieved about the loss of J.P. I will always remember him and all the fun the bunch of us had at KBC youth group. I know that he is walking by the side of Jesus now. My sympathies to all of you. May God surround you in love and the comfort of your KBC family and each other.

Jess DiCosimo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Geri and Peter, please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your son. You are in my heart and prayers. May time ease the pain but never erase the memories.

Valerie Litwinczyk Cannon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ We met at the hospital Tuesday night. I am so sorry to hear of James' passing. I called the Prayer Tower for prayers that night. I went back to ICU Wednesday night, looking for you and James but one of the nurses told me you were not there any longer. I am so sorry. Please know that my heart grieves for you and your family. May God be with you all! Lucy

Lucy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ In high school, I remember James as a cool kid and a kind person. My deepest condolences to his family and especially his children. God bless.
With deepest regrets,
Eddie Duran

Eddie Duran - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.
With deepest sympathy,
Crisla

Crisla Rulewicz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To Brian and the entire Cooke family, i'm very sorry to here about James...my heart goes out to all of you. James say hello to my dad from me8-21-03....rest in peace

david autunno - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We would like to offer our deepest condolences to all of James family. He was a longtime friend and our memories of him will stay in our hearts forever.

Michael and Monique Criniti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ If I could see into the souls of every man on this earth, and choose one for my friend, I would have chosen James.
We will miss you very much,
James. See you on that day.
"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Christopher and Barbara Cadrain - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM