

The Story of Ralph & Lucille (Schlaver) Cook

CHILDHOOD



Ralph Webster Cook was born on Feb 26, 1921 in Buffalo, WY. He was the youngest of 3 children in the family. Ralph's SSN: 394-12-1270

WORLD WAR II MILITARY LIFE

Ralph served in World War II in the U.S. Navy from Sept, 1942 to Nov, 1945. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon while serving on the U.S.S. Lexington. Ralph held membership in the Bangor VFW Post and DAV.

Ralph married Julia Cook (no relation) on Nov 29, 1942. Julia is believed to have been an illegitimate child. She had wanted to enlist in the military during World War II, but couldn't until she had a legal name. She married Ralph Cook to satisfy this need. Julia and Ralph were divorced after a short period [1].

MARRIAGE TO LUCILLE SCHLAVER

On Nov 15, 1952 he remarried to Lucille Jeanette Schlaver in Bangor, WI.

The couple had 3 children, James William, Steven Charles, and John Peter Cook.

The Ralph Cooks lived in Rockland, WI during most of his younger married years.

He was a foreman for the Trane Company in LaCrosse for 28 years. His SSN was 394-12-1270.



He moved his family to LaCrosse towards the end of his working years and continued living there into retirement.



Ralph was a member of the Roman Catholic faith.

DEATH CLAIMS RALPH

Ralph died at age 66 on Jun 1, 1987 in the Lutheran Hospital in LaCrosse, WI. He finally succumbed to days of problems caused by intracranial hypertension and cerebral infarction (damaged tissue) vasospasm. He suffered an ant. comm. art. aneurysm several days earlier. Ralph Cook was buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Bangor WI. He received military burial rites by the Bangor Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SOURCES:

[1] Jeanette Cook story, September, 1995

James Cook Lives in White City, KS

Steve Cook was working at the Gillette Foundry in LaCrosse, WI

John Peter Cook was born on April 24, 1959 to Ralph and Lucille Cook in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

John married Patricia Weibel on Nov 15, 1976. They had one child, Anthony, who was born on January 25, 1978. John and Pat were eventually divorced.

On August 2, 1986, John was married to Sheryl _____. She had three children from a previous marriage. The new couple adopted the Goetting children, Jaime, born July 23, 1976; Mary, born Aug 31, 1977; and Ken, who was born on Nov 8, 1981.

John and Sheryl live at PO Box 5, in Melrose, WI 54642.

Jamie married Jerry Leque on Sept 8, 1992. They had two children. Jamie and

Jerry live at 1638C Forest Ave, Fort Mead, MD, 20755-14.

Mary was married to Mike Mowery on Feb 25, 1994. Jennifer was born to the couple on Sept 23, 1994. Mary and Mike live at PO Box 179, Melrose, WI 54642.

Ken Goetting was not married as of mid 1997. He lives at PO Box 5, in Melrose, WI 54642.