



Lawton Winton Cook

February 27, 1940 - October 6, 2024

Lawton Winton Cook born in Umatilla, FL on February 27th, 1940 was called home to his Lord and Savior in Altoona, FL on Sunday October 6th, 2024.

Lawton was a retired long distance truck driver, served two seasons at the Salvation Army ringing the bell, then worked for Publix until 2020.

He was a former Deacon at Sandy Acres Baptist Church and a member of First Baptist Church of Altoona.

Lawton was a devoted Christian who could be found at any local gospel or bluegrass sing.

Lawton is survived by his siblings Truman Cook SR, Clovis Cook, Mary Cook, Allen Cook; his

children Wanda Cook-Garduno, Julie Moyer, Linda Dowis; 14 grandchildren, 33 great

grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. Lawton was preceded in death by his brothers

Mack Cook and Taggie Cook; son Lawton Gnann Cook, daughter in law Deborah McCree Cook

and grandson Tyson Smith.

There will be a viewing at Beyers Funeral Home Umatilla on Friday October 18th for immediate family 5-6 pm, family and friends 6-8 pm.

The funeral will be held at First Baptist Church of Altoona on Saturday October 19th at 1 pm.

A graveside service will be held at Ponceannah Cemetery at 3 pm.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Umatilla
279 South Central Avenue
Umatilla, FL 32784
(352) 669-2146

Funeral

OCT 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Altoona
42226 FL-19
Altoona, FL 32702

Interment

OCT 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ponceannah Cemetery
Altoona, FL 32702

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawton Winton Cook*



Beyers Funeral Home - October 16, 2024 at 03:19 PM

LD

I miss you Daddy , Love you to the moon and Back

Linda Dowis - November 06, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MA

“ *What an amazing man and friend. Whenever we would meet, he would with a smile ask how I was and be sincerely interested. He would share stories and encouragement and laughter. He will be missed, but I know we will see him again. Until that day, those who knew and loved him will cherish wonderful memories of a life well lived.*

My condolences and prayers to his family and closest friends.

Mark - October 15, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JC

*At Cassia Day, I learned of dear Lawton's passing. I remembered his support of the Cassia Club's activities, especially of the music. He also led the music programs and potluck dinners, a fund raiser for the Altoona School, that yielded \$2,500+ for the children. He was grateful for the community's support of the project!
We really enjoyed the music and fellowship. Thank you, Lawton!*

Julie Champion - October 29, 2024 at 12:18 AM