



William Nolan Cooke

July 6, 1922 - May 6, 2023

W. Nolan Cooke, 100, passed away at home on May 6, 2023. He served 2 years in the Army during World War II in a railroad battalion. After returning home, he worked at Sears Roebuck and Co. and retired after 32 years of service. He then worked with Apex Funeral Home for 29 years, as well as worked in a maintenance position at Apex Baptist Church. He was a member of the church his entire life and served as a deacon for approximately 4 terms. He was on the Town Council of Apex for 16 years, an auxiliary police officer for 15 years, and a Volunteer Fireman for 30 years, served on the school board for 4 years.

Nolan was born in Apex and lived there most of his life. He learned at an early age farming and hard work. He loved gardening and tried passing that on to his children. His life has always been to serve his Lord, to love and to provide for his family. He set a strong sense of values alongside a wonderful and loving wife of 78 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Willie Gaston Cooke and Lovie Lassiter Cooke, his brother Roy Martin Cooke, sister-in-law Mildred Watson Cooke and sister, Frances Cooke Mills, brother-in-law, Joseph Monroe Mills.

Nolan is survived by, wife, Evelyn Black Cooke (love of his life), son, Lynn Black Cooke and his wife, Linda Howerton Cooke, daughters: Faye Cooke

Moore and her husband, James Ronald Moore (Ronnie), and Elizabeth (Beth) Cooke Sears, and her husband, John Bruce Sears; 4 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Apex Baptist Church in his memory.

A visitation will be at Apex Baptist Church Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. A funeral service take place at Apex Baptist Church at 3:30 pm. Followed by a graveside service at Apex Cemetery with military honors.

Cemetery Details

Apex Cemetery

100 Upchurch St
Apex, NC 27502

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church
110 S. Salem St
Apex, NC 27502

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall



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