



## Mr. Olin M. Cook

March 16, 1929 - December 12, 2020

The Cook family is sad to announce the passing of Olin M. Cook, 91, of Chateaugay. Olin, also known as Odie to many, passed peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at The Alice Center, Malone.

Born on March 16, 1929 in Chateaugay, he was the son of Edwin and Carrie Irene (Warren) Cook. One of five children he is predeceased by his sisters Mary (Reynolds) and Irene (Parks) and brothers Warren and Walter.

Married to Barbara Foote of Malone on Aug. 28, 1954 they traveled extensively together after his retirement and celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this past summer

Olin graduated from Chateaugay Central School, attended Paul Smiths College, receiving his BA from Albany State College and a Masters from St. Lawrence University He began his teaching career in Central New York State, returning to Chateaugay in the early 1960's where he taught Social Studies at Chateaugay Central School until his retirement in 1991. An active member in the community he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Chateaugay, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Chateaugay Historical Society and the National Education Association.

An avid reader, history buff, and local historian, Odie was well known for his story telling and eclectic conversations. As a member of the Chateaugay Historical Society he continued to show his dedication and love for his hometown and how proud it made him feel to be from Chateaugay and the North Country.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Olin is survived by his wife, Barbara, of 66 years, his two sons and daughter-in-laws, Tobey and Margaret of Strongsville, OH and Donald and Denise of Simi Valley, CA and four grandchildren, Isaac, Amanda, Michael and Adam.

He was predeceased by his parents, siblings, and granddaughter, Kristin.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at Eastside Cemetery, Chateaugay with Rev. Dean Chapman officiating. In accordance with current health restrictions, those in attendance are asked to observe social distancing and the use of facial coverings.

Donations in his memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Chateaugay, Chateaugay Central School, Chateaugay Memorial Library or the Chateaugay Historical Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastside Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Cemetery  
Chateaugay, NY

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *The world has lost a fine intelligent man. Odie will be missed by many family friends and former students. Gods Peace to Barb Toby Donnie and families. Prayers and blessings. Betty Parks Palmer*

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**Betty Palmer** - December 20, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SC

“ *Sorry to hear of his passing. I have a great story about him. I was a junior in his history class and was one of those who loved his stories. it was 1969 and I still remember the story he told of the battle of the Crater during the siege of Petersburg near the end of the Civil War. Up until then, history was dates and events. His story sparked a great interest in me. I read what little our CCS library had then got to college and read more then found Shelby Foote and Bruce Catton and many many others and really became knowledgeable. I had dozens of books. One day I just gathered several of them up and gave them to the Chateaugay library. Anyone checking them out is reading them because a teacher inspired a student and gave him a wonderful window on history. I've since visited many battlefields and was at the 150th reenactment for the battle of Gettysburg in 2013.. a mind blowing experience. Thank you Mr. Cook!*

*Stewart Chase*

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**Stewart Chase** - December 18, 2020 at 10:23 AM

GB

“ Uncle Odie and aunt Barbara used to put on thanksgiving dinner for us many of a time. Always a good time by all, those memories will always be remembered. At Christmas dinner at my parents house, Gerald, now deceased , and rogene Foote, uncle Odie love to play a card, I believe it was called Seven Up, where we would bet pennies. He made sure to bring his bag every time. Ginny (Foote) Brim.

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**ginny brim** - December 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

GC

“ My condolences to you all. I have many treasured memories of time spent there at the Cook home and in the CCS classroom. And lest I forget, there is the soccer field and his cry of "two minutes!" His passing is a great loss to family and community. Requiescat in pace. Respectfully, Greg Cook

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**Greg Cook** - December 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ MR Cook, You will be greatly missed at our future reunions. Class of 64

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**Skip Dwyer** - December 14, 2020 at 06:24 PM