



## David R. Cookston

April 29, 2011

COOKSTON David R. Cookston went to be with his Heavenly Father on April 29th, 2011. He was a member of Polaris Grace Brethren Church, proudly served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Belle Grove from 1952 to 1955 and was a co-founder of the Columbus Crusaders Football Program. Dave was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Jayne (Carter) Cookston. He is survived by his wife, Goldie and children Karen, Kathy (Tom) Wagenhause, Mike, Beverly Gochanour, Kim (Ruud) Luttmer, Ron (Carolyn) Winget, Randy and Joshua. He has 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Dave is also survived by his brother Jack (Ann) of Marietta, GA as well as friends too numerous to count. Dave did not know a stranger, his passion for people was incredible and his love is endless. Family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8PM on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St, Worthington. Celebration of Life service will be held at 1PM on Wednesday at Polaris Grace Brethren Church, 8225 Worthington-Galena Road Westerville, OH 43081, Pastor Jim Custer officiating. A private family interment will be held at Kingwood. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Columbus Crusaders, 6364 Dustin Rd, Galena, Oh 43021 or Hospice of Morrow County, 228 South St., Mt Gilead, Oh 43338. Condolences may be sent to [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Cookston*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Goldie and the rest of Dave's fine family: I just returned from out of town to learn that Dave had passed. What a guy. I first met him when he was selling Al Gingery IBM equipment in the 70's. I've been back in the "IBM Building" since 1994 and frequently think of Dave. My condolences to each of you. My thoughts will be with you. I am glad that I knew Dave and through him many of you. Bob Palmer*

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**bob palmer** - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gecondoleerd met het verlies van Dave*

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**Hans en Truus Luttmer** - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave was always an encouragement to me and a delight as he attended my theology class for years. He has a great attitude and a soft spirit. He will be missed until meet again.*

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**Alan Edinger** - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Goldie in this time of grief. Dave always made me laughed and was always a good friend. I will always remember my times in his backyard making hay. Dave will be missed by myself and Niel Shinaberry everytime we make hay. and the beep of his horn when he passed my house. If you need anything Goldie I'm here for you. Dave taught me alot about life and I will never forget that. God bless you and your family.

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**Mike Pfaff** - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We send our deepest condolences to the family of David Cookston. We only met our new nabour a couple of times. We really enjoyed talking with him and was looking forward to getting to know him and his family better. If there is anything that we can do to help, please let us know. Don & Joyce

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**Don & Joyce Starlin** - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Karen and family, We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Your Dad and I had some great conversations over the years when he would drop by the office to visit. We had a lot of laughs and he always gave me a big hug. I will remember his kind nature.

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**Sharon & Terry George** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To the entire Cookston family, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Although it has been 8 years since I have been to a reunion, I always remembered "Cookie" because he was so fun to be around. He was such a warm and caring person and made everybody feel at ease and so welcome. I always enjoyed his pictures in the yearly reunion book and I will miss him. Cheryl House

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**Cheryl House** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Cookston Family, None of us will fully understand, or fully appreciate, this side of heaven, the impact that Dave's witness had on thousands of families that have passed through the Crusader program. His selfless dedication to the program that he helped start, has resulted in the changing of so many lives for the good throughout the years. Dave's humbleness, and quiet servitude, well, maybe not so quiet on the sidelines at times :- ) was an example for all to follow. I am a better person for having known Dave. While we, as the Crusader Family, will mourn and miss our friend, we know that with every breath we take, we are one step closer to being reunited with him. For we are only sojourners in this world, looking forward to the day we can take that last walk off the field at the end of the season and into our new lives in the presence of the Lord. May God comfort and bless us all, as we weep with joy in celebration of Dave's Homecoming. Sincerely, Brian S. Bayless

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**Brian S. Bayless** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Karen, Bob and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Sincerely, Jessica & Bob Bean

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**Jessica Bean** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Kathy and Tom, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time in your life. Bruce and Martha Thompson

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**Bruce and Martha Thompson** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dave and Goldie, I always enjoyed my friendship with David. He loved the Lord and enjoyed serving his Master. His love of football was felt by many children involved in the Columbus Crusaders football program. I feel certain that God was pleased with his servant Dave and feels he "finished well." Thanks to the Cookson family for their dedication to serving others. In Christ duke/wanda heller

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**Duke/Wanda Heller** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Karen, Sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marlene & Phil Jablonka

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**Marlene Jablonka** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Karen, our condolences to you and your family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Susie Harrison** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Goldie & Family, So sorry for your loss. Dave was a good shipmate and continued as a good member of the Belle Grove reunions. May he rest in peace.

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**George & Grace Wingate** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Karen - Deepest sympathies on the loss of your father! My thoughts & prayers are with you and your entire family. Please let me know if you need anything! Wendy

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**Wendy Marino** - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Karen-Our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you. B&I

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**Betty and Ina** - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Karen, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kaye Miller** - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Karen, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you. Fondly, Marie and Julie

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**Marie Ray & Julie Perkins** - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Dear Goldie and family: May the Lord Bless and keep you in his Love as you go through this sorrowful time. We will surely miss Dave especially at the BG reunion's. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you in this special time of need. GOD BE WITH YOU. Alice and Ike Tanis

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**Alice and Ike Tanis** - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Goldie and the family. Wish we were closer to support you in person but know that our prayers are with you.

Barbara Thompson and Rosemary Thompson (Texas) - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dave was a faithful friend of many years. I am thankful for his caring heart, his laugh, his relationship with our loving, living Lord. He has blessed many.

Steve Foley - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our deepest heart felt sympathy to Goldie and Family. We will really miss Dave at the reunions. It was an honor to have met and got to know him.

Charles & Linda Howell - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Dave's passing. My husband, Verlund Stevens (who passed away July, 2008 & I attended several Belle Grove reunions & always enjoyed Dave's sense of humor. He will be greatly missed at the reunions & by all who knew him.

Sandy Stevens - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Cookston family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our lives has changed so much since our first meeting with 'Cookie', kind, generous and loving, and telling us that he thought Iowa folk were going to be wearing bibs and have corncob pipe in our mouths, he said, "you are just like us", when we met him the first time in Milwaukee. What a nut! And then the phone calls when Iowa and Ohio State were getting ready to play each other in football, wow, lots of ribbings about those games. A master at telling stories and getting everybody fired up at the Navy reunions, won't be the same without his sometimes funny jokes. Ha! We will miss him, and want you all to know we love him dearly for allowing us to get to know him and have him in our life. To the wonder 'salty dog, sailor' salute! Mr. Cookston.

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**Lester and Janet Maudlin** - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM