



J.R. "Rusty" Cook

March 29, 1961 - August 1, 2018

Jan Russell "J.R. Rusty" Cook was born March 29, 1961 in Dallas, Texas. He was the son of Frank Russell and Ellen Marie Wang Cook. He married Adina Lynn Spradling July 23, 1994 in Newport, Texas. Rusty worked as Field Engineer for General Electric. He passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2018 in Jack County, Texas at the age of 57 years old.

Rusty was a man of many hobbies and accomplishments and a friend to all who knew him. There are so many words that can be used to describe him. Funny, smart, loving, caring, compassionate and prankster, just to name a few. Rusty was also an accomplished self taught artist. Not one to boast, it needs to be noted that a lot of his work has been recognized in several area events and venues and can be found hanging in several galleries around the area. He was a member of the Graham Art Guild, Oil Painters of America and the Outdoor Painters Society. He also served 9 years on the Newport Volunteer Fire Department and served as their Treasurer.

Rusty was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank N. and Genevieve "Gene" Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Erling Wang of Norway.

He is survived today by his wife, Adina Cook; parents, Russell and Ellen Cook; brother, Dean and Joy Cook; 3 nephews, Daniel, Justin, Thomas, and a host of friends and other family members. He will be dearly missed by all who

knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Truce Cemetery

200 West Truce Road
Bowie, TX 76230

Previous Events

Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home
152 State Hwy 148
Jacksboro, TX 76458
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Tribute Wall



“ J.R. "Rusty" Cook

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ J.R. "Rusty" Cook

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *I am very late in finding out this news! I gathered all the art I have from him, admired it thoroughly and reminisced about his talent and kind presence that I remember from childhood days in Borger. I have never and will never forget him.*



Julie Nelson - April 17, 2020 at 06:16 PM

TO

“ I just talked to a fellow named Rusty which reminded that I wanted to look up my old friend Rusty Cook on the internet and I found this tragic news. Rusty was a student of mine at T.S.T.I. - Amarillo and a friend. He was morally the finest man I have ever known, I have said that many times to others about him while he was alive and I am sure that many others knew that about him too.

I recall giving a recommendation for his first job in electronics and it was pleasure, I was so confident that he would make us at the school look good by what he did. I described him as "the kind of man that you wish your sister would marry."
He was a great guy.

What a tragic loss.

My deepest condolences,

Terry O'Connor

Terry O'Connor - February 07, 2019 at 09:05 PM

BC

“ I just learned of Rusty's passing today, and I was shocked to hear about it. Rusty was a really kind and decent man, and I really enjoyed visiting with him when he came to work on my equipment when I was a radiology director in Texas. He was an excellent artist that was extremely humble about his craft. He will be greatly missed by everyone in the N. Texas imaging community.

Brett Bruce J.D. - Gunnison, CO - September 11, 2018 at 04:52 PM

MP

“ Rusty and I painted together a number of times and I found him to be a worthwhile companion with astute observations while making the most of the time he had to paint at that location. He was a kind and generous person, making the world a better place just by being in it. I miss him sorely!

Maren Phillips - August 29, 2018 at 02:46 PM

RH

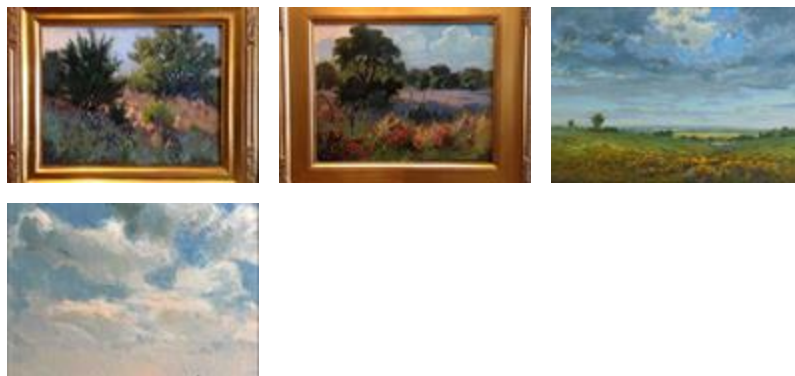
“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend, J.R. “Rusty” Cook. Rusty was a gentleman, genuine and authentic in every way. We will miss his amazing talent; his kind, generous spirit and that sense of humor and ability to make those around him feel good. His love of the natural world will forever be present in the beautiful works of art he created and the lightness of spirit we remember. With Love, Shannon Hanna and Everyone at RS Hanna Gallery in Fredericksburg, TX.



Rose Shannon Hanna - August 10, 2018 at 07:01 PM

RH

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Rose Shannon Hanna - August 10, 2018 at 06:06 PM



Terri Hander

“ My condolences to you Adina. I am so sorry to hear about Rusty. I will never forget about the yummy cookies and salsa he made for me for my birthday one year. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Terri Hander

Terri Hander - August 09, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ I always enjoyed working with both Rusty and his wife Adina. Rusty will be missed in the imaging community , and the art community as well.

Fred Farrell, M.D.

Fred Farrell - August 08, 2018 at 06:59 PM



JR

“ Rusty, Mike Unteidt, Don McLaughlin and I we painting on a deserted road in northern Montague County and all but Rusty and I had left. Rusty finished his painting and I was a bit slower but he told me he would stay as long as needed until I was finished. I have not known a finer gentleman who cared for the needs of others than Rusty. May God's Grace bless his family and friends. I will miss him and his art. John R

John Robinson - August 07, 2018 at 10:17 AM



NT

“ The family of artists in the Outdoor Painters Society will sorely miss painting with J R and enjoying his slow country wit.

Nancy Tyler - August 07, 2018 at 12:34 AM

YO

“ your friends and colleagues at GE Healthcare OEC purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



your friends and colleagues at GE Healthcare OEC - August 06, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CA

“ Rusty will be missed. He did not know a stranger and always had a smile on his face. We did not work together much, but when we ran into each other we always found time to shoot the bull and talk fishing. GE lost a good one.

Cody Atchley - August 06, 2018 at 01:52 PM

DL

“ Adina, my heart broke with the news. Rusty was an amazing individual with so many talents. You need to know since I posted the tragic news on my FB page there have been so many radiology people respond with sadness. Rusty touched so many lives each day. He was a ray of sunshine to all of us and he will be so missed. Never once did I see anything but cheerfulness and love that Rusty had for everyone. And most don't know what a talented artist Rusty was. I have an early drawing he did and will cherish it always. Adina, please know there are many of us who want to be at the service today but cant. But know you and the family are on our hearts and minds. Most of all know the Radiology community lost a family member with Rusty. We will always think of him fondly.

David Lawson

David Lawson - August 06, 2018 at 08:15 AM

BE

“ Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Dean, and Adina my prayers and love go out to you and the rest of the family. I have so many great memories of growing up with Rusty and of your family. It breaks my heart to hear this news. Please know that Rusty touched so many people and that the thought of him will always bring a warm thought to my heart.

Blaine Edwards

Blaine Edwards - August 05, 2018 at 11:19 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Rusty. I worked with Rusty many times over the many years I knew him. We always had a good time working together at GE. He had a great sense of humor! He will be missed!

Darwin Peterson

Darwin Peterson - August 05, 2018 at 10:07 PM

JM

“ Russell, Ellen, Dean, Adina and families, I am so sorry to learn of Rusty's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Many happy memories of the Cook and Myers families. Love you,
Jan Myers

Jan Myers - August 05, 2018 at 09:45 PM

GW

“ Gail And Shirley Weldon lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook



Gail and Shirley Weldon - August 05, 2018 at 09:36 PM

BP

“ *Billy And Janice Pursley lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook*



Billy and Janice Pursley - August 05, 2018 at 09:05 PM

CA

“ *Adeana, my love and heart goes out to you and your family and Rusty's family for this tragic loss of a dear man, neighbor, cousin and friend. May The Almighty God, and The Prince of Peace place comfort and peace in your heart in time. Knowing Rusty is in heaven now walking and laughing with God blesses my heart, even though we grieve for his loss here with us.*



*We love you and lift you up in our prayers daily.
Kendall and Cathy Amburn*

Cathy Amburn - August 05, 2018 at 06:53 PM

CA

Misspelled your name on accident Adina..sorry

Cathy Amburn - August 05, 2018 at 06:57 PM

JA

“ *Russell and Ellen Cook and family may you experience the kind of love , comfort, and peace that only comes from the one true and living Lord! With love, Jerry Andrews*

Jerry Andrews - August 05, 2018 at 06:26 PM

TC

“ Rusty and I were good friends in high school and neighbors. My fondest memory of Rusty is rattle snake hunting in the pasture behind my house. My deepest condolences to all his family.

Tim Cooper - August 05, 2018 at 05:49 PM

LH

“ A true friend, a kind gentleman to all who knew him, a person with unique character and wit, and an inspirational artist of unbounded vision. I know J.R. is still with us in spirit because all you have to do is walk outside, look up into the sky and you see all of those clouds J.R. has been painting all day for us to enjoy.

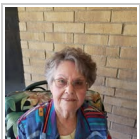
Larry Hamilton - August 05, 2018 at 04:56 PM

LH

“ Larry and Patti Hamilton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



Larry and Patti Hamilton - August 05, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook



Melba Mower - August 05, 2018 at 04:37 PM

RH

“ *Ronna Hopson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.*



Ronna Hopson - August 05, 2018 at 03:53 PM

RH

“ *I went to school with Rusty in Berger from first grade through graduation! I am heartbroken to hear this news. Rusty was such a sweet soul. I still have a dinosaur drawing he did in grade school. So talented his entire life! Many prayers for his wife and family!*

Ronna Hopson - August 05, 2018 at 03:35 PM

KB

Rusty was a wonderful person. I went to grade school through high school with him!! Everyone knows how talented he was!!! May God give you peace and comfort!! Kim Brawley

Kim Brawley - August 05, 2018 at 09:17 PM

DK

“ *Debbie King lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook*



Debbie King - August 05, 2018 at 12:43 PM

CC

“ Carol Sales; The Staff & Board of the Kemp Center purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



Carol Sales; The Staff & Board of the Kemp Center - August 05, 2018 at 12:33 PM

CS

“ Adina so sorry for your loss. May you and your family be comforted and receive strength from the Lord. You and your family will be in our prayer. Carolyn & Rick Smith



Carolyn Rick Smith - August 05, 2018 at 09:20 AM

RO

I never met John, but was very familiar with and loved his paintings. My condolences to his family and friends . May the Good Lord give you comfort during this time and forever.

ronbigony - August 05, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



August 05, 2018 at 09:18 AM

ND

“ Nolan And Lee Dunlap lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook



Nolan and Lee Dunlap - August 05, 2018 at 08:46 AM

FS

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Fred Stangl - August 05, 2018 at 08:42 AM

JR

“ Joyce Reeves lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook



Joyce Reeves - August 05, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ Adina- I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and try to comfort you during your most difficult times. My prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely
Lisa Brown-Wiggins



Lisa Wiggins - August 04, 2018 at 10:21 PM

DM

“ Adina & family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. It's never easy to
lose someone that you love & have shared so
many memories with in life.
My thoughts & prayers are with you & your
family.



Darlene (Long) Maxwell - August 04, 2018 at 07:57 PM

KV

“ Kim Veselka lit a candle in memory of J.R.
"Rusty" Cook



Kim Veselka - August 04, 2018 at 04:48 PM

MJ

“ Mike, Caroline, Walter & Arnold James
purchased the Basket of Memories for the family
of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



Mike, Caroline, Walter & Arnold James - August 04, 2018 at
03:18 PM

KF

“ Kaye Franklin purchased the Simply Elegant Spa
thiphyllum for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



Kaye Franklin - August 04, 2018 at 01:56 PM

IG

“ *In loving memory from The Graham Art Guild purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.*



In loving memory from The Graham Art Guild - August 04, 2018 at 01:14 PM

ML

“ *Marcus & Lana Lamberson lit a candle in memory of J.R. "Rusty" Cook*



Marcus & Lana Lamberson - August 04, 2018 at 12:38 PM

LW

“ *Cecil and Lilly May - Neighbors*

Lilly May West - August 04, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.*



August 04, 2018 at 12:11 PM

BM

“ Ben, Susan & Sue Murray purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



Ben, Susan & Sue Murray - August 04, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



August 04, 2018 at 11:03 AM

AC

“ ALAN & CINDY CAREY purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of J.R. "Rusty" Cook.



ALAN & CINDY CAREY - August 04, 2018 at 10:04 AM