



Marilyn Helen Hook

November 9, 1952 - May 6, 2016

Marilyn H. Hook

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Marilyn H. Hook, 63, of “The Valley,” died Friday, May 6, 2016, after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Syracuse, New York, she was the daughter of the late George and Joy Cromartie Hook. Through research, she found she was a direct descendant of an original Jamestown settler who also became a colonist on the Mayflower.

Marilyn was a graduate of Corcoran High School and received a Bachelor’s Degree from Albany State. She was a member of various doll collector’s clubs, enjoyed baking and cooking, and loved reading—especially biographies and true crime. She loved anything to do with the British Royal family-she even got to shake Princess Diana's hand! She especially loved high tea and enjoyed many in her travels. Marilyn had a passion for traveling which took her all over the US and parts of Europe. She also enjoyed dining in different restaurants, especially trying the regional specialties of the places she visited. She was a real cat lover and appreciated anything that was the color purple. She was employed for many years as an inside sales rep at Edward Joy Lighting. She will be sorely missed by all for her generosity, wit, dedication and humor.

Surviving are her brothers, Richard (Gail) and David (Joel) Hook of Syracuse, NY; nieces, Kassidy Hook of Arlington, VA, and Jocelyn Hook of Baltimore, MD; and nephew, Everett Hook of Syracuse, NY.

Calling hours will be Monday, May 9, 2016, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205, with services to follow immediately at 6:00 p.m. Burial will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Humane Association of CNY or the CNY SPCA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Helen Hook*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family and Friends of Marilyn:*

We join in extending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow.

Sandra Winkworth & Jim Ennis

May 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I was stunned to hear of Marilyn's passing on Friday. I have very fond memories of her from Barnes Avenue in The Valley so many years ago. I especially remember her fondness for The Beatles very well, a fondness that she passed down to her brother David. (whom I was best friends with growing up - him and I wore out out many a record player needle listening to their music). She was such a tender soul and very caring of others. She will be greatly missed. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Jim and Cindy Robertson
Dallas, TX*

May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss seeing Marilyn at our luncheon and at doll events. She was the life of the table always! A generous and fun-loving person. God bless her and her family!

May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Marilyn -- you will always be one of a kind! What a privilege it has been to call you "friend"! A constant inspiration, you will be terribly missed -- but your wonderful, positive spirit will be with us forever.. Your support, enthusiasm, and generosity will always hold a special place in my heart -- and I will think of you with each new adventure.

Celebration Candle - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A beautiful person inside and out! She will be truly missed by all.

Heart - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeanne Quinn Waclena

To the Hook family: Our families crossed two generations, Marie Quinn and your mother, Marilyn and I. We went to school together, she was in Gary's and my wedding almost 46 years ago, and kept in touch year after year. I will miss our chats and running into her at the different stores when you least expected it. Her family and her friends have lost someone very special. Sorry I can't be there to say good-by in person but my thoughts are with Mariln and you.

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“ *To the family of Marilyn,*

We would like to extend our sorrow at the passing of Marilyn. We have had the great privilege of doing business with Marilyn for over 30 years. After a few years, you become family. She was a delight and we are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss her. Thank you Marilyn for all of your hard work.

From all of your friends at R .D .Wright, Inc.

May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Marilyn. I am so sorry for your loss. She and I were best friends in high school, traveled to Europe and went crazy over the Beatles together. Unfortunately we lost touch with each other and I had only seen her a few times since the mid seventies. I will always remember her fondly and all of the good times that we had way back when. She was truly such a nice person with a wonderful sense of humor , a good friend and one of the smartest people I knew. Once again my sympathy to your family. Rest in Peace Marilyn. I am sorry we never got the chance to reconnect.

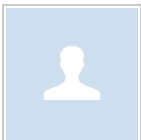
Chris Meredith

May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Marilyn was a wonderful person! I t was the highlight of my day to talk with her when she called. Always upbeat and happy. Always wanting to learn. When I hung up from talking to her I always had a smile on my face! I will miss this dear lady! May there be peace and comfort for her family and will keep them in my thoughts!

May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Marilyn, you were one of the dearest people I have ever met. Doll events will never be the same without seeing you there. You were the light of all our gatherings and you will be missed greatly. Heaven certainly has a new angel. You will have to let us know who is the best liked doll in heaven. Hugs and sincere sympathy to your family and dear friends.

May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Marilyn, I will miss you so very much. You were always such fun, so generous and so loving. Our doll conventions and events will never be the same.

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to Marilyn's family and friends. Although I only got to meet you a few times you were always very kind and friendly and generous and had a great sense of humor. I met you just as I was beginning to collect the Ellowyne Wilde line of dolls and enjoyed you showing me your various collections. I wish we had not lost contact but I know you had many friends in the doll world and enjoyed a lot of adventures with them. We are a crazy bunch. I take comfort that you are not in pain anymore. Jill Emery, Liverpool, nY

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Peace and God be with you Marilyn.

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Marilyn,
I don't even know what to say. I spoke with you almost every single work day of my 21 years at Electro Lines. You called me names, hung up on me, and we laughed ourselves silly. I don't know how you came up with the name "Chicken Louise" for me...only you could think up a name like that. You will be so missed but I can only imagine the world you are seeing now and knowing you the questions to God will never stop. You fought the good fight my Dear with courage and humor. Now it's time to fly.

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ You fought the good fight my friend. now it is time to let the Lord care for you and rejoice in his mercy and the forever life. You will be missed by all that you touched. RIP Marilyn. To your brothers and family my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God Bless.

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dick, Gail, Family, & Friends we are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.

The Sweeney Family

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To Dick and Gail, & Dave and Joelle: We are shocked and saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Phil & Debbie Rockwell

May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marilyn, I will miss you so much. You were my best Doll Bud. I will remember you every time I drink a Coke and whenever I enjoy my Gene Dolls. You lived so far away, but I always felt like you were near me. You were always there for me when I needed you. You will live on in my heart forever.

Rest now, your work here is done. I love you.

Heart - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Marilyn and Her wonderful Family!*

You will be so missed by EVERYONE! You were much loved by all. I shall miss our constant 'talking' on everything. Every time we come down for a visit, planned or surprised you made us feel so welcomed and like family! You always made us laugh with your crazy sense of Yankee humor! We loved spending time with you and you will be so VERY very missed by Ed and I. You and Ed even had a special connection, the way you both went on and on about food and drink!! so it was not always about dolls. Your love of life, friends and dolls made you so special. We are so sad right now, but we know you are at peace and probably starting a party up in heaven! Your friendship was to us was special but you probably making new friends now! Keep them laughing Marilyn!!! Sending your family big hugs! Ed and Kim Kekes

May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Jocelyn, I never had the pleasure of meeting your Aunt Marilyn, but I know how much you loved her and my heart breaks for you.*

I will always remember how you purchased little gifts for her throughout our Italy trip...may you find solace in the memories you will forever cherish of her and the times you were graced by her presence.

My sincerest condolences to you and your family in this time of sorrow. May she rest in peace.

*With love,
Judy and Pete*

May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *The CNY Electrical Industry will miss you.....your level of expertise were second to no one,,,,,
You always worked with a sense of urgency and purpose.....you left a lasting impression on anyone
you came in contact with....rest easy*

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“ *Dearest Marilyn --
The first time I met you, 13 years ago, I knew I had found my kindred spirit, my "lost sister". Your kindness to me over the years, helping me through some terrible times, touched me beyond words. A generosity of spirit, a kindness beyond words, and your love to your friends will ensure you a place in the hearts of many. Everyone who met you will remember you...you touched so many lives. Sleep in peace dear sister. Its a comfort to know you are watching over us.
Karen O'Brien*

Butterfly - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dearest Friend, What will I do without you. We've been friends for nearly 30 years. You were one of a kind. You were crazy, funny, stubborn and the most generous giving person I've ever known. I will never have another friend like you.*
We had so many wonderful trips, with out doll collecting ,all over the country. I'm so grateful that you were in my life. I will miss you, my forever friend. Deborah Thomas

Forget Me Nots - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM