Actuarial Whiz, Church Deacon and Lay Preacher

Charles F. Cook, 75, of Shelburne, Vermont, died on January 28, 2017, at his home. He grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where, in seventh grade, he met his future wife, Barbara, to whom he would be married for 55 years. After graduating from Liberty High School in 1959, he received a BS in mathematics from Princeton University in 1963, and an MBA from St. Mary's University in Texas. He held executive posts at American International Group and United Services Automobile Association. In 1988 he founded MBA Actuaries, a successful consultancy, which he sold in 2011.

An avid theologian, storyteller and sailor, he was a man of integrity with a wonderful sense of humor and deep-seated convictions. He was always telling jokes, weaving stories and debating everything. According to his wife, Chap liked to say, "I want to live my life so that when I wake up in the morning, Satan sends an email to all his demons saying, 'Look out! He's up again!'"

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dotter Cook; brother John Morse Cook; his daughters Melanie Tupaj, Cynthia Coach and Tammy Moshier; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.