



## Joseph James Cook

January 26, 1929 - February 21, 2018

Joseph James Cook, 89, of Venice, formerly of Philadelphia, PA passed away peacefully on February 21, 2018. Joseph was born in Philadelphia, PA on January 26, 1929 to Frank & Elizabeth (Ramming) Cook. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and became a computer programmer and sales director for a major software company. Joseph was a Past President of Habitat for Humanity, a two-time Past President of the Friendly Sons & Daughters of St. Patrick, and an active volunteer. Retiring to Florida in 1979, he was the President of the Myrtle Trace Association where he lived, and was in charge of the Infrastructure Committee. Most of all, Joseph was a charter member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where he was instrumental in stabling the Parish. He also served as an Extraordinary Minister and Altar Server at the church and scheduled the other extraordinary ministers, altar servers, lectors, and sacristans for services. Preceded in death by his parents Frank & Elizabeth, brother Frank, and sisters Elizabeth Victor & Helen Lech. Joseph is survived by Teresa Lenz Cook, his loving wife of 60 years, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 1st at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Venice.

Interment with military honors will take place in Sarasota National Cemetery at 11:30 am on Friday, March 2nd. Joseph's family requests memorial contributions be made to Habitat for Humanity, 1750 Manzana Avenue, Punta

Gorda, FL 33950. To send condolences please visit [www.toalebrothers.com](http://www.toalebrothers.com).  
Toale Brothers Ewing Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.

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**Michael & Colleen Victor** - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace my dear uncle.  
I shall miss you always.  
Fran Vozzo



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**Fran Vozzo** - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Terri, you have our deepest sympathy over the passing of Joe. You both are in our thoughts and prayers, Jack & Mary Powers

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