

Richard Cook

Nov. 11, 1944 - Oct. 13, 2004

Retired CU-Boulder staff employee Richard L. Cook of the Institute of Behavioral Science died of natural causes at his home in Boulder on Oct. 13. He was 59.

Mr. Cook was born on Nov. 11, 1944, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Charles C. and Mabel Skenes Cook.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Riverside, he volunteered for the Peace Corps and served in Sierra Leone, West Africa, from 1966 to 1968 as a secondary school teacher. He also studied at the University of Chicago, University of Paris and San Diego State College. He earned a doctorate in psychology at the University of Colorado.

From 1982 to 2003, he was employed at the Institute of Behavioral Science, retiring as an information technology professional III.

He was an avid runner and skier, working as a weekend ski instructor at the Eldora Mountain Resort Nordic Ski School for 30 years. He was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association and the Boulder Nordic Club. He also was a member of the Boulder Road Runners and the Denver Zoo Foundation Director's Circle.

He is survived by his mother of Grand Terrace, Calif.; three sisters, Carol Cook and Kathryn Hindman, both of Grand Terrace, and Deborah Golgart of Yucaipa, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Rodger Golgart; three nieces; and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Interment was on Nov. 5 at Montecito Memorial Park in Loma Linda, Calif. and a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 27 in Old Main Chapel on the CU-Boulder campus.

In celebration of Mr. Cook's love of animals, memorial donations may be made to the Denver Zoo Foundation, 2300 Steele St., Denver, CO 80205.

Cards for the family may be directed to the Institute of Behavioral Science, 483 UCB, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.