



## BEN F. COOKSEY

Mr. Ben F. Cooksey, age 81 of Elkhart went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Mr. Cooksey was born on May 22, 1928 in Crockett to Ben Frank and San Francisco Cooksey. Mr. Cooksey had a distinguished military career and was a veteran of the Korean War. Leaving the military as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1956, he began another career with the Federal Civil Service, serving our country as a Missile Maintenance Technician and instructor in radar and missile systems until his retirement in 1974.

Among his many accomplishments, a favorite was being ordained in the service of his LORD. The Cooksey family made multiple moves during a 22 year span, enjoying an adventurous life of traveling for work and pleasure. Upon retiring to Elkhart, Mr. Cooksey completed his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology and worked with CPS for 8 years.

Daddy/Pa, we are eternally grateful that you have left us with a legacy of love for our Savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Rosa L. Cooksey; daughters Kathleen Cooksey Sebenoler, Sharon Sutton, Benedetta C. Howington and husband LTC (ret.) Rick Howington; son SGT (ret.) Richard Lynn Cooksey and wife Shannon; six grandchildren Allori Leone and husband TSgt Mike Leone, David Ellis and wife Laurie, Cassandra Majauskas and husband CPT Steve Majauskas, Sally Howington, Stephanie Douglas and husband John, Richard Lynn Cooksey (Huck), Alexandra Stites; great-grandchildren: Brianna Leone, Bayleigh Kasper, Jakob Ferris, Matthew Ellis, and Abigail Majauskas, plus one little Douglas on the way.

Preceded in death by his parents Ben Frank and Sa Francisco; two brothers Charles and John Robert Cooksey; sister Opal McMannus; and his beloved daughter Grace Ann

Cooksey (Baby Gal).

Funeral Services for Mr. Ben F. Cooksey were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Family of Faith Church in Elkhart with the Rev. Justin Pitts officiating. Internment followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Youth Group at Family of Faith Church, Elkhart.

To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to [www.baileyandfosterfuneral-home.com](http://www.baileyandfosterfuneral-home.com)

**Bailey & Foster Funeral  
Home**