

Tom Cook

Tom graduated from Fargo High School in 1961 and from Carleton College in 1965. He received a Master's degree in the Philosophy of Science from Princeton University in 1968 and a Ph.D. in the History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976. He received a Masters degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina in 1981.

He married Patricia Leavitt in Cedar Falls, IA April 8, 1972. He taught at Coe College in Iowa 1968-71, at UNC-Charlotte from 1973 to 1979, at community colleges in North Carolina and Virginia prior to teaching criminal justice at Wayne State College 1990-2006. He took leaves of absence from WSC to teach Oral English with his wife Pat at Hangzhou University 1998-99 and Changsha University 2001-2002 and Spring 2005 on mainland China.

Beginning in 1990 he was active for years in the First Unitarian Church of Sioux City and the Wayne Lions Club. Pat and Tom performed together regularly in Northeast Nebraska nursing homes and senior centers doing music gigs. They taught nearly one thousand people to do Couples Country and Ballroom Dancing 1989-94. They were "karaoke stars" in Las Vegas during the winters of 2007-08-09.

Tom is survived by his wife, Pat; a sister, Mary Cook Gervais (Marty) of Breckenridge, CO; nephews Will (Drew) Gervais of Vancouver, B.C., Jack (Nicole) Gervais of Portland, ME,

Tom was preceded in death by his mother and father, Carolyn (Hyde) and Kenneth Cook. His father was a minister in the United Church of Christ for 25 years.