



Dr. Arthur Vicars Cooke

February 22, 1956 - July 27, 2015

On July 27, 2015, Dr. Arthur Vicars Cooke beloved husband of Linda Katherine Sickel Cooke; dear father of Katie, Peter and Isabel Cooke; devoted brother of Miriam Cooke and her husband Bruce B. Lawrence.

Please omit flowers. Memorials in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society, (<https://donate.cancer.org>).

Dr. Arthur V. Cooke, renowned metallurgist and Baltimore businessman, died on Monday, July 27 in Gilchrist Hospice Care after a short struggle with liver cancer. The long-time Baltimore resident was 59. Born in Tel Aviv (Israel) in 1956 to Edit and Hedley Cooke, he moved with family to England in 1958. He was educated in Tonbridge Judd School for Boys, Mercersburg Academy (PA) and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned his PhD in Metallurgy. He moved to Baltimore in 1981 where he worked for Martin Marietta as a research engineer, and in 1995, Dr. Cooke founded Active Signals Technology, a research company specializing in innovative medical and military technology.

A loving husband and an extraordinarily devoted father to his children, he created a harmonious family. He was much admired by friends and colleagues for his vitality, generosity, loyalty, precision and irrepressible humor.

Arthur Cooke was an avid athlete, who enjoyed mountain climbing, bicycling,

running and rowing. He served as president of the Baltimore Rowing Club for five years.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Brown Memorial Park Avenue
1316 Park Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall

“ Art Cooke was an extraordinary oarsman and I raced with him on many occasions. I won a fair share of medals during my years competing with the Baltimore Rowing Club. More often than not, those medals were won when I was lucky enough to be in the lineup with Art.

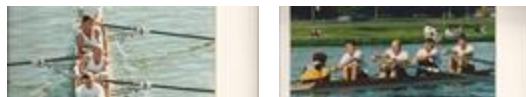
Arthur was also very persuasive. In 1990 he approached me about trying out for one of the two men’s boats the BRC was sending to the Head of Charles. I was renovating a house at the time and told him I couldn’t dedicate myself properly to training for the Charles. Art assured me that practices would be only a couple of days a week. And besides, he assured me, a large pool of rowers would be vying for the eight spots. (In other words, he was wanted to make sure the tryout was competitive and I needn’t worry about actually making one of the crews.)

Well, when practices commenced it was clear that there were only enough rowers to fill the two boats. I was committed. It also was immediately clear that what Art meant by “a couple of days” a week was, six. We did get Sunday’s off. I ended up in the lightweight four with Arthur and as the head season got underway, he decided we needed to step things up a bit. Art gently informed us it would a good idea if we added a weekly one-hour, full pressure session on the Concept 2 rowing machine to our workouts. Even the most casual rower can appreciate what a perverse torture that turned out to be.

We ended up winning several races and made a respectable showing at the Charles. I dropped out of the lineup at the end of the fall, a much-better rower replaced me and the crew went on to bigger things, including winning an American Rowing Championship.

As short as my time was in that four-man boat, it was by far the best crew I ever rowed in and my most rewarding experience as a competitor.

Thank you Arthur---Bill McConnell





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