

20th Annual
Jim Cook Sr. Classic

benefiting

Ivana Cook



Saturday, April 13, 2024
8:30 Shotgun Start
4 Person Scramble
\$100 entry fee per golfer



PALMETTO PINE COUNTRY CLUB
1940 SW 9th Court, Cape Coral, FL 33991

**FRIENDS OF
IVANA**

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Raffle Prizes
Closest to the pin contest
50/50 Drawing
\$10,000 prize for a Hole-In-One
Professional Long Driver



There are only 36
available spots for teams
and they are filling up FAST!

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**Please return the completed form
with payment to:**

Jim Cook
752 Coral Drive
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Make checks payable to Jim Cook,
Please reference Cook Classic on memo line.

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2024

Please complete each player's name, phone number & email (Please print legibly)

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Thank you for your support!

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Since its inception 20 years ago, the Jim Cook Sr. Classic, has been an avenue for golfers and local businesses to support a member of our community who has fallen on difficult times. In the early years, the recipient of the proceeds from our one-day tournament was the American Heart Association, in honor of Jim Cook, Sr, who passed away in 2003, after a suffering a heart attack. As the tournament evolved, however, the beneficiary changed from the AHA to local individuals suffering from hard times. For the past six years, the focus has been specifically on helping families of young children who have received debilitating diagnoses. Easing a financial burden of a parent and possibly making a month, a week, or even a day brighter in the life of a suffering child has been our goal.

This year, the focus is much closer to home. Ms. Ivana Cook, the widow of Jim Cook, Sr. needs our help. Like so many others in Southwest Florida, Ivana's home was devastated by Hurricane Ian in September of 2022. Although insured, the pay-outs fell considerably short of satisfying the great cost of repairs, and a lien has been placed on Ivana's home of 51 years.

In 1970, eleven years into their marriage, Jim and Ivana, with two young children in tow, left all they knew in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to Cape Coral, Florida. Leaving her parents in the cold North, the move was especially hard for Ivana and she cried a lot in the beginning. That being said, she still made a commitment every day to make the best of every situation. They spent the first year living with relatives

and then in 1972, they welcomed their third child and bought their own home on Coral Drive. This is this home where Ivana and her two sons reside to this day.

Both, Jim Sr. and Ivana immediately immersed themselves in the community. Jim worked and joined a men's softball league while Ivana worked at Mason's Bakery. Semi-annually, Ivana organized, prepared food, and served the men's softball players and their families. This oftentimes involved 300 people!

She later bartended at the Del Prado Inn, and through the years has waitressed at Jim Bob's, prepared meals for children at All Aboard Daycare and worked in the American Legion kitchen for a decade. Ivana has always filled the role of one who serves. If you know Ivana, you might know her as a redhead, who is quick to give you a piece of her mind, quick to laugh, and even quicker to literally give you the shirt off her back.

The Cook home on Coral Drive has been opened to so many through the years. When asked, Ivana named more than ten people who have lived with her family and then with her, as a widow, in later years for various lengths of time. It is a place where many have come to enjoy a homecooked meal on a holiday, as Ivana never allows a coworker, friend, or neighbor to be alone. Approximately thirty people, any given Thanksgiving, have been blessed with good company and great food, prepared by the hands of Ivana Cook.

Doing the hard work behind the scenes, Ivana never seeks accolades or praise for what she does. She also doesn't ask for help easily. She enjoys coming out to the golf course the day of the tournament in her late husband's honor to see and thank the array of golfers ready to tee off, but afterwards, she spends the day in the kitchen. Yep, each of the previous 19 years of the Jim Cook Classic, Ivana has had a role in the shopping, prepping, and cooking for the after-party that the golfers have grown to expect and thoroughly enjoy.

Ivana is truly one of a kind, and we hope you can help make her days less stressful and a bit easier with the generosity you have shown so many others in the past. We appreciate each of you more than you know.

Entry Fee Includes

Green fees, carts, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes, gift bag and luncheon immediately following. Beer, soda and water will be available on the course for a donation.

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50/50 Drawing
Auction
Raffle Prizes
Professional Long Drive

Luncheon to be hosted at
Fraternal Order of Eagles
4647 SE 9th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904

For more information about the tournament and/or becoming a sponsor, please contact

Jim Cook, Jr 239-745-1177

Al Cook. 239-707-6928

Joe Failla 239-214-1242



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