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COOK RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

MISSOULA--

The late W. Bruce Cook of **Big Sky** will receive a Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously at this year's Homecoming celebration Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7. His widow, Mary Lou Cook, will accept the award for him.

Cook is one of six outstanding UM graduates chosen for the awards this year. Awards will be presented at the traditional Singing on the Steps of Main Hall ceremony, which starts at 7 p.m. Friday.

A Montana native, born in Walkerville, Cook graduated from UM in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, earning bachelor's and master's degrees during 1957-59 and 1961-62.

After college he had a distinguished 35-year career with Exxon Corp. that took him to executive posts in London and Athens. He retired in 1997 as corporate vice president.

Cook served on the UM Foundation board of trustees from 1991 until his August 1999 death in a horseback-riding accident near his home in Big Sky. At that time he was vice chair of the board and was slated to become chair in fall 2000. In 1996 he and Mary Lou helped establish the Rhodes Scholar Program Endowment at UM.

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