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Former county councilman Cook Lougheed dies at 86

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Cook Lougheed was a businessman, civic leader, philanthropist, father and husband. But to those who knew him best, he was an example to be followed and a legend to aspire to.

Lougheed, a former Allen County councilman, died Wednesday night. He was 86.

A longtime Fort Wayne resident, Lougheed started the Earth Construction Co. in the 1950s and participated in numerous business ventures. He served on the boards of directors for Parkview Hospital, the Fort Wayne Zoological Society and the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Council. He was inducted into the Greater Fort Wayne Junior Achievement Business and Education Leaders Hall of Fame in 2004.

And for the past 64 years, a daughter said, Lougheed and his wife, Jeanne, were the couple every couple wants to be.

"My dad and mother had one of those very rare, deep sustaining love affairs. They were always dating," Nancee Lougheed said.

"He was a teacher, he was a mentor, he was my leader, he was my example, he was my pattern for life."

Throughout his life, Cook Lougheed was active in the Boy Scouts and even owes his name to scouting, son Scott Lougheed said.

At a scouting event Lougheed was able to fix a popcorn machine and the other scouts called him Cookie, Scott Lougheed said.

The shortened version stuck and Lougheed finally decided to legally change his name, his son said, "because it was as unique as he is."

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road. Calling will be an hour before the service and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

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