

# Sheila Cook

## SERVING AS FIRST LADY FOR 10,000 DAYS



On April 6, 1988, the DBU family received not only a new President, but also a new First Lady, Sheila Cook. Mrs. Cook spent 18 years serving her community through the public school system, many of those years teaching children with special needs. Her servant's heart and desire to see others achieve their educational goals helped propel her into her new role as the wife of a university president.

Over the years, and through countless receptions, dinners, showers, and community events, Sheila Cook has proved to be one of the greatest strengths of Dr. Cook's presidency as well as one of the greatest blessings for the DBU family. With an unwavering commitment to the Lord and her family, Mrs. Cook has opened her home and her heart to multitudes of students, faculty, staff, donors, alumni, and trustees, helping each person to feel loved and blessed. She has been an earnest prayer warrior, both for DBU and the Cooks' home church, Park Cities Baptist Church, and she has led numerous Bible studies at the church, at DBU, and through Brother Bill's Helping Hand. For 10,000 days, Mrs. Cook has poured her life into so many on University Hill. On these pages are just a few of the lives she has touched.



1. Sheila Cook along with DBU trustee Bobbie Pinson

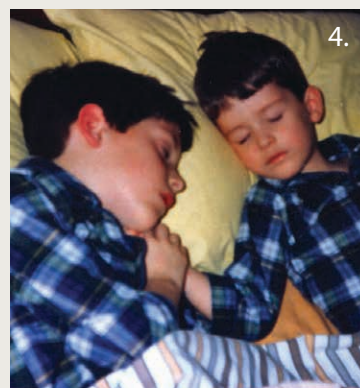
2. Mrs. Cook greeting new student, Matt Murrah, during Student Welcome And Transition Week in 1993

3. Sheila Cook and her family when she was presented an honorary doctorate from DBU

4. Sons David and Mark Cook

5. Sheila Cook with friends (from left to right), Kathy Knight, the late Edith Bond, and Marsha Pool

6. Dr. and Mrs. Cook and their sons, David and Mark, along with David's wife, Nicole, and their children, Molly and Caleb







1. Sheila Cook, along with son, David, and Dr. Cook and Mitch Bennett  
 2. Dr. and Mrs. Cook with (from left to right), Joel and Diane Allison and Dr. Jim and Janet Denison  
 3. Sheila Cook with sons David and Mark  
 4. David Cook and his wife, Nicole, with DBU alumnus and current professor Mamo Ishida



*"I could never have asked for a more wonderful wife than Sheila. It's been a joy to share my life with her. She is a loving wife, a devoted mother, and a doting grandmother. She loves the DBU family, and we are both so grateful that the Lord called us here." - Dr. Gary Cook*

*"Mom modeled for us what it means to truly walk with Jesus every day. Her spirit of hospitality and love is what we saw and experienced at home. She's just really been a great mother to us: genuine, kind, fiercely supportive, and always letting us know she's praying for us." - Mark Cook*

*"Mom has been integral in helping build community at DBU in so many ways. She truly does an amazing job of shining God's love into every relationship, and that influence has helped strengthen the DBU community in so many tangible ways." - David Cook*

*"I consider my friendship with Sheila to be one of my greatest blessings. She has a great capacity to genuinely care for people and invest in their lives. I am grateful to be included in the large group of people who have been blessed to be one of Sheila's friends." - Janet Denison*

*"Sheila's joy is unmistakable. Her joy comes from Christ, and she pours her enthusiasm for God's work into all that she undertakes on University Hill. Her upbeat spirit is contagious, and her presence enriches any event she attends." - Dr. Gail Linam*

*"Sheila is the epitome of the Proverbs 31 woman—she is a woman of strong character, extraordinary wisdom, remarkable talents, and great compassion. She has a heart for serving the Lord, and she does it with a most joyful spirit." - Kathy Knight*

*"The foundation of whatever she does is based on her deep faith in and love for the Lord. And this leads her to a great love for other people, in word and in deed." - Bobbie Pinson*