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Jane M. Cox, 79, of Vandalia, IL, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

Per Jane's wishes cremation rites will be accorded. A Graveside Service & Interment will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, October 24, 2025 at Farina Cemetery, Farina, IL with Pastor Curtis Flake officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:00-10:00 AM, Friday, October 24, 2025 at Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to World Central Kitchen or the Central Illinois Food Bank. Online condolences can be expressed at <https://www.hohltandfilefh.com>.

Jane Mae Hubbard was born on October 1, 1946, in Vandalia, Illinois, to George Edwin and Almeda Lois Mae (Whitford) Hubbard. On August 20, 1967, she married Richard Lee Cox in Farina, Illinois, beginning a loving partnership that spanned 51 years and blessed them with three children.

Jane and Rick both graduated from Eastern Illinois University with degrees in education, and together they dedicated their lives to inspiring young minds. Jane began her teaching career in 1968 at Patoka Community Unit School District #100, later joining Vandalia Community High School in 1983, where she taught until 2002. She continued sharing her passion for learning at Kaskaskia College until her retirement in 2019. As a proud member of the Illinois Education Association, Jane was deeply committed to advocating for her profession and supporting her fellow educators. Throughout her career, she was more than an educator—she was a mentor, a guide, and a friend to countless students and colleagues.

Outside the classroom, Jane found joy in nurturing her flower gardens, spending peaceful hours tending to her yard. She had a lifelong fascination with historical homes and lighthouses, often seeking out opportunities to learn about and admire their unique stories and architecture. Jane was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Vandalia, where she participated



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in Bible study and sang in the church choir. Above all, she treasured time spent with her immediate family, siblings, and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cox is survived by her son, Steven Cox of Vandalia; daughter, Karin Cox of Pittsburgh, PA; sister, Margaret and husband Rev. Frank Mantz of London, Ontario, Canada; sister, Mary and husband Michael Shupe of Rogers, AR; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, friends; and her beloved canine companion, Scruffy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and infant daughter, Laura Christine Cox.






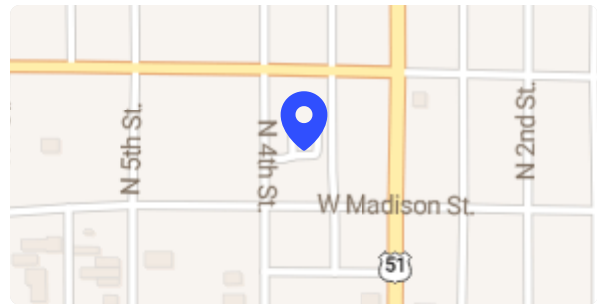
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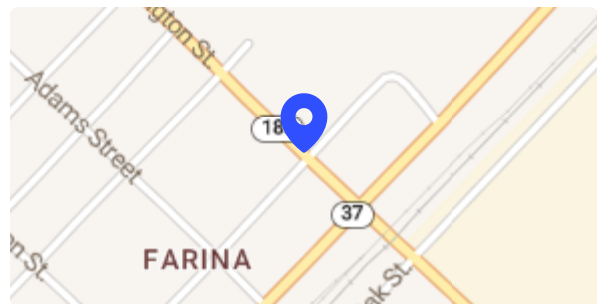
Visitation

-  **Friday**, October 24, 2025
-  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
-  **Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Ltd.**
204 N 4th Street, Vandalia IL 62471



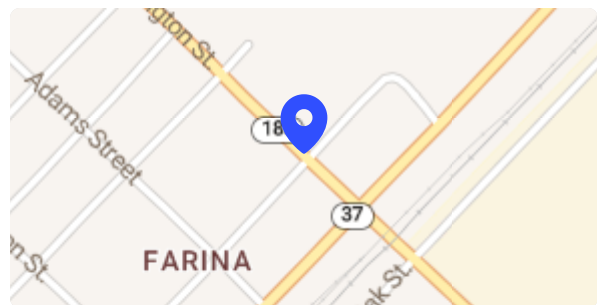
Graveside Service

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-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Farina Cemetery**
HWY 185, Farina IL



Cemetery Details

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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Cox family.



October 24 at 5:42 AM



Carol Lynn lit a candle in honor of Jane.

Growing up, Aunt Jane shared her creativity and thoughtfulness through every handmade gift she gave. I hold such fond memories of the hours of play and imagination her creations inspired—they were among my most treasured childhood keepsakes, each one carrying her love and care. When I moved to the St. Louis area in 2010, she made the effort to visit, giving me the chance to get to know her in a new way. As an adult, woman to woman, she supported my creativity with genuine interest and kindness, always cheering me on and collecting my art. Those gestures remain close to my heart. Aunt Jane leaves a legacy of love, creativity, and clarity—a reminder that art and intellect, heart and mind, can coexist beautifully. Her inspiration continues to touch all of us through her warmth, kindness, and generous spirit. You will always be near in my heart, Aunt Jane. Steve and Karin, I am so sorry for your loss and hold you both in compassion and love.



October 14 at 7:30 PM



Chad Mantz lit a candle in honor of Jane.

Though we've been countries apart all our lives we will always cherish the family gatherings we shared enjoying Aunt Jane's special sharp wit and meaningful conversations. We will miss her dearly, keeping her warm personality and welcoming smile in our hearts and minds. Love always the Mantz family in London, Ontario



October 23 at 3:11 PM



Jim, Andrea, Ken, Evan, Bill, And April planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jane.



October 22 at 2:35 PM



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Jim, Andrea, Ken, Evan, Bill, And April sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cox family.

October 22 at 2:35 PM



Nicolette Woodrum lit a candle in honor of Jane.

Mrs. Cox was such a kind and patient teacher who truly cared about her students. I'll always remember her calm way of explaining things and how she made math feel possible. She still inspires me as I remember what I was taught when I teach my own kids math. My heart goes out to her family—especially Karin, who I remember sitting next to in band. Sending love and prayers.

October 21 at 10:08 PM



Kathy Cox lit a candle in honor of Jane.

Aunt Jane was married to my dad's (Jim Cox) brother, Rick. When I was a child, she made me and my sister many creative, wonderful gifts. One year she made a canopy bed for my sister's Barbies, equipped with pillows, sheets and a crocheted bedspread. It was a little girl's dream come true! Another time, she made me a "Kathy" doll, wearing a dress very similar to one of my dresses. It made me feel so special! Aunt Jane gave so much to so many - may she rest in peace.

October 20 at 7:22 PM



Marianne Saale lit a candle in honor of Jane.

Jane was a kind sweet thoughtful person. She was so happy that her Mom's lil dog P.D. was adopted by our son, she just knew he would have a good home. It made her Mom smile & Jane was grateful. I met her sisters too .Marianne & Don Saale

October 19 at 6:54 PM



The Crum Family And Matthew Shupe sent a Your Light Shines to the Cox family.

October 17 at 2:33 PM





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AM

Aunt Mary And Uncle Mike planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jane.



October 17 at 1:56 PM

AM

Aunt Mary And Uncle Mike sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Cox family.



October 17 at 1:56 PM

MS

Mary Shupe posted:

There's a funny, unique story about my sister, Jane, that our mother used to tell. They lived across the street from a two story old brick school house when Jane was little. Jane would sneak up the outdoor stairway to sit outside of one of the rooms in session and sit in the doorway to listen. Mom had to find her to bring her home but the teach would say "let her stay, she loves it so much!" I guess it was clear before she even went to school what she would make her career!

October 16 at 10:02 AM

DK

Debra Ketteiman posted:

Both Mr, and Mrs. Cox were guiding forces through my high school years. Mr. Cox fostered my love of history and instilled my sense of civic duty. Mrs. Cox taught me perseverance through adversity as I hated math but respected her so much I even took one more year I didn't have to just to keep meeting the faith she had in me. As a young mother I went back to finish my associate degree and found I would have her teaching me one more time. She was as supportive as ever and a rock for me as always. What a blessing they were to many!

October 14 at 8:12 PM

MB

Marsha Bundy posted:

Such a wonderful teacher, she made learning fun and easy. Prayers for the family. Marsha Collins Bundy Patoka High School class of 1969.

October 14 at 7:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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