



Richard L. Cox

October 8, 1944 - April 30, 2019

Richard L. Cox, 74, of Vandalia, IL, passed away at 9:40am, on April 30, 2019, at Willowbrook Memory Care in Vandalia.

Rick Cox was born on October 8, 1944 in Sharon, PA, the son of George “Rex” and Grace (Woodford) Cox. He married Jane M. Hubbard on August 30, 1967 in Farina, IL. Together they celebrated over 51 years of marriage and raised two of their three children; their eldest child lived only 11 months.

Rick and Jane both graduated from Eastern Illinois University and began teaching in 1968. Rick was a dedicated teacher of social science at Patoka Community Unit Schools for 35 years. He sponsored student council, homecomings, proms, class plays and class trips during his time at Patoka.

After he retired, he enjoyed working in his yard, going to auctions, building model cars, and collecting baseball cards with his son, Steve.

Rick is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Steven G. Cox of Collinsville, IL; and daughter, Karin M. Cox of Pittsburgh, PA. He is also survived by three brothers: Jim Cox and wife, Jackie, of Terrell, NC; Tom Cox of Lisle, IL; and Jack Cox and wife, Maggie, of Prescott, AZ.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Laura Christine Cox.

A Graveside Service and Interment will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Farina Cemetery, Farina, IL with Pastor Terry Westerfield officiating. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

The family would like to thank the loving and caring staff at Willowbrook Memory Care. Thanks, too, to Fayette County Hospice.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Ltd.
204 N 4th Street, Vandalia, IL, US, 62471

MAY **Memorial Service** 07:00PM

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MAY **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Farina Cemetery
HWY 185, Farina, IL, US

Comments



“ Jim, Tom and Jack purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard L. Cox.



Jim, Tom and Jack - May 13, 2019 at 12:49 PM

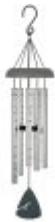


“ I had the privilege of teaching with Mr. Cox for many years. He was a very smart man and obviously loved teaching. He had a lot of integrity and was admired by all who knew him. My sincere sympathy for all of his loved one at this difficult time.
Theresa King

Theresa King - May 10, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Patoka Class of 2004 purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Richard L. Cox.



ALISON M BRITT-NEBERGALL - May 03, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ I am one of Rick's younger brothers and it is heartwarming to read the positive tributes from some of Rick's students and their parents. At a time like this it is uplifting to hear that during his life, Rick made a positive lasting contribution and will be remembered favorably by many.

My memories of my brother are also very special and include everything from Rick being the quarterback in our backyard family football games - to - Rick patiently teaching me the route and collection procedures for the paper route I inherited from him at an early age - to - Rick being an upperclassman who kept a protective eye on me and gently kept me in line when needed.

Our whole family is very proud of Rick and the life he lived. Rick will be missed and

lovingly remembered forever.

TOM

Tom Cox - May 02, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Cox.



May 01, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Jim Cox and Kathy Cox Ferguson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard L. Cox.



Jim Cox and Kathy Cox Ferguson - May 01, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ Cousins always share a bond even though we haven't seen each other for a very long time. Rick was born 3 weeks before I was and was the 2nd born like I was. Wish we could have lived closer and gotten to know each other and our families better. Our deepest sympathy is extended to you, Jane and your family.

Carolyn L Mild - May 01, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Your Cousins - The Frost Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard L. Cox.





“ Mr. Cox taught with my father and was my teacher. He was a strict, but nice teacher. He gave us all some good memories! He was a very dedicated person. May God comfort all of the family in this time. My sincere condolences....

Tricia Bricker Meyer - May 01, 2019 at 03:17 AM



“ Mr.Cox taught all five of us Beckmeier siblings. He was the one of the best teachers at PHS. I believe that he was the most respected teacher at PHS.
I am deeply sorry for your loss Mrs. Cox.
Hugs and prayers
Ann Beckmeier Deppe

Ann Deppe - May 01, 2019 at 01:47 AM



“ Mr.Cox taught many of us “Cain” kids! He would be impressed at what we all remember from his class. He was dedicated to his job and was a great teacher. I’m so sorry for your loss.

Julie Brasel - April 30, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ Mr. Cox was a great teacher and his sense of humor and patience are fond memories from my years at PHS. My deepest sympathies to you Mrs. Cox and your family. May God grant you comfort in this time of sadness. Hugs from T J Speiser (Jane Towler)

T J Speiser - April 30, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ Mr. Cox... one of my favorite teachers, a person I totally respected.. & feared! I have a ‘love’ for history to this day.. probably because he awakened within me a thirst for knowledge.. Thank you, Mr Cox, for having patience with me.. YOU are a special part of Patoka Pride for me! From: Susan Landreth

Susan Walker Landreth - April 30, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ To Jane and Family ~ I was so very sorry to receive news of Rick's passing. He was a guiding light to both Melinda and me during our years at Patoka High School with him. He was so knowledgeable and generous with his help and a wonderful friend with quiet sense of humor. He will always be a big part of my many memories of my years in Patoka. Mobility issues will keep me from attending his visitation and funeral, but I will keep you all close in thought, love, and prayers.

Vikki Cleveland

Vikki Cleveland - April 30, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ As my younger brother Rick and I had some great debates as to which team was better, my White Sox or his Cubs. Even when the Sox had the better record he would come up stats showing the Cubs as the better team. Several summers ago near Park City, Ut. Rick and Jane rode to the top of the ski slopes on a chair lift. Not bad for a couple from the Midwest. Rick always knew his history even in grade school. He has been a great brother, I will miss him.

Jim Cox

Jim Cox - May 01, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ I remember when i was in grade school, what a big deal it was to have an aunt and Uncle that were school teachers! It was always so exciting when Aunt Jane and Uncle Rick would come to visit. As I got older, I learned pretty quickly that I was no match against uncle Rick at Trivial Pursuit! A kind man with a gentle soul. He will be missed.

Kathy Cox Ferguson

Kathy Ferguson - May 01, 2019 at 09:16 PM