



## James Edward "Jim" Cox

March 5, 1940 - October 14, 2015

James Edward "Jim" Cox, 75, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2015. He was born March 5, 1940 to Earnest Herbie "Herb" Cox and Christel (Brown) Cox in Langley, Oklahoma. He graduated from Okay High School with the class of 1958. Jim then attended Northeastern State University and obtained his Bachelors of Science and Masters in Administration. Jim taught math classes in the Muskogee Public School System for 26 years at Alice Robertson Jr. High and Muskogee High. He also taught an additional five years in Missouri. Jim loved entertaining with magic tricks and storytelling and incorporated that into his classroom, which created a fun atmosphere to learn.

Jim married the love of his life, Sandy (Goad) Cox, on July 3, 1959 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They shared more than 56 years of life and marriage together.

Jim was a charter member of Muskogee Church of Christ. He was also a former member and president of the Optimist Club and a member of the Christian Motorcycle Club. Some of his favorite hobbies include fishing, reading, and four-wheeling. His passion was carpentry which he used to honor and glorify God.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest Herbie "Herb" Cox and Christel (Brown) Cox; paternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth Cox; maternal grandparents, Berry and Alice Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Cox of the home; daughters, Nita Wittman of

Houston, TX, Sheri Barton and husband John of Muskogee, OK; granddaughters, Lindy Ewalt and husband Ross of Cincinnati, OH, Alison Barton of Edmond, OK; sister, Betty Perkins of Duncan, OK; sister-in-law, Brenda Hull of Muskogee, OK; and many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

The family will receive visitors 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the Church Missions at Muskogee Church of Christ, 3206 N York St, Muskogee, OK 74403.

A celebration of Jim's life will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 19, 2015 at Muskogee Church of Christ with Minister Boyd Stiles officiating. Pallbearers will be John Barton, Ross Ewalt, Jeff Hull, and Rowdy Hull.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 N. York Street, Muskogee. Condolences may be made to the family online @ [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family Visitation

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

## Service

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Muskogee Church Of Christ  
3206 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward "Jim" Cox*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My dad lived a life that glorified God. You saw what love is through his life. He was patient and kind; he did not envy or boast, and was not proud or easily angered; he did not keep records of the wrongs that were done to him; and, he did not delight in evil but rejoiced in the truth; he protected us, trusted in God and his family and friends; he hoped and prayed daily for us and he persevered through hurt and disappointment.*

*Dad loved my mom with all his heart and knew her to be the most beautiful woman ever. He lived to make her happy. He enjoyed having family over and being with people. He was a great storyteller and loved combining his stories with magic tricks. He had great wisdom and knew how to motivate others to do what was right.*

*My family has loved hearing all the stories and projects he completed for others. We knew he was wonderful, but it's great to know that others knew so, too.*

*Sheri*

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**SB** - November 03, 2015 at 12:34 PM

SB

“ Poem written by his granddaughters, Lindy & Ali:

*Our Dearest Papa*

*Our Dearest Papa, so much is from you;  
Thick wavy hair and a dimple makes two.*

*Pieces of you are found in each of us;  
But what we treasure most is what you instilled in us.*

*Your kind, gentle spirit was always there to guide;  
And, you never missed a single event with Nana by your side.*

*You could make three ropes out of one and one dollar bills into twos;  
But one thing you couldn't do was fix our father's tuxedo shoes.*

*Summer RV vacations were always a highlight of the year;  
Memories from those trips are ones we will always hold dear.*

*With each trinket you made and each nameplate you did carve  
These symbols of your love will remind us you are never too far.*

*Your fun-loving nature with quiet reserve  
Was best dished out in ornery Christmas poems, which we all  
deserved.*

*When we find ourselves missing you so much  
All we must do is look around because you are a part of each of us.*

*We love you,  
Lindy and Ali*

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SB - November 03, 2015 at 12:25 PM

CF

“ *Mr.Cox was my favorite math teacher. He was one of the reasons I loved math so much. He made learning fun and easy. He always had a smile. A very kind, gentle man. I was blessed to have in my life. When I was going through struggles, he always had something positive to say to me to help me through. He made me push myself beyond what I thought I could do and in that process I had so much respect for him that I didn't want to disappoint him. He helped me be an "A" student. I was blessed to have him in my life.*

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**Cindy Wilson Frye** - October 20, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JT

“ *Joan And Rick Taylor lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Jim" Cox*



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**Joan and Rick Taylor** - October 20, 2015 at 05:26 AM

PP

“ Jimmy is my mother’s (Betty’s) baby brother. Mom’s favorite story to tell about Jimmy was when he was 8 or 9 years old, they had a couple of wooden steps leading into their home and Jimmy would kneel at the steps to hammer nails into them every day. He did it so much that he wore holes in the knees of his jeans. Mom would repair them and tell him not to wear any more holes in them by kneeling. The next day Jimmy would be on his knees again hammering nails into those wooden steps, and Mom would again repair the knees of his jeans. Grandpa Cox would always end the story by laughing and stating that by the time they moved from that home those steps had more nails than wood in them. This memory is very precious to my mother because she knew that Jimmy’s love of carpentry began at a very young age and that love was shared with their father.

*As a child, Jimmie knelt to hammer nails into a wooden step. As an adult, he knelt every day in reverence to God. I know in my heart that when he arrived in heaven and stood in the presence of God, he fell to his knees again. That is a good man.*

*Jimmie, you are loved and we will see you again in heaven.*

*Your niece,  
Pamela Perkins*

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**PK Perkins** - October 19, 2015 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ My condolences to his wife, family and friends. I was a student of his in Geometry and Computer Science at MHS. While enjoying his stories, I also learned the coursework well and enjoyed coming to his classes. One small lesson that still influences me over 22 years later is what he said about love. "You don't love someone because of what they do for you. You love someone because of and by what you do for them." I'm probably paraphrasing it a bit. But in that little saying, I understood how selfless love is supposed to be, how connected to I Cor. 13 it is, and how Christ demonstrates His love for us in our daily lives. May God's face shine on him in heaven saying: Well done, good and faithful servant.

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**Brian Engman - Former Student** - October 19, 2015 at 04:03 PM

DP

“ Jim's lifetime of service to education and commitment to the education of young people is to be commended. He will be greatly missed by his friends, neighbors and family. God bless you and your family.

*Dewayne Pemberton  
Neighbor and Friend*

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**Dewayne Pemberton** - October 19, 2015 at 08:42 AM

JG

“ Mr. Cox was my favorite math teacher. Every day at class time, you could guarantee he would have a smile on his face and a funny story to tell. Prayers for strength and comfort to his family.



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**Jennifer Griffis** - October 18, 2015 at 09:25 PM

CU

“ My heart goes out to the family at this time. Jim was a wonderful person, he will be missed by many.

Charolette (Ashby) Underwood - October 18, 2015 at 07:48 PM

FG

“ Sandy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God hold you and give you comfort.

Freeda Gates, Vian, OK

Freeda Gates - October 18, 2015 at 06:55 PM

SS

“ Mr. Cox was my algebra teacher at A. R. His heart for the subject and for the students was evident to me even as a young teen. He is the reason I liked Algebra and long to teach it to others in the same manner and understanding that he taught. He continues to impact even his grown students today as he has been and will continue to be thought of often. Many blessings and prayers of comfort and peace be with you, his family.

Sandy Seals  
Bookkeeper  
Creston, Iowa



Sandy Seals - October 18, 2015 at 03:54 PM

TC

“ we know what a wonderful man Jim was & how he was devoted to God. He lived a remarkable life by believing in God & guiding the young minds of all he touched with his teaching & example he lived. Our hearts go out to you for your loss. He will always be with you in your hearts forever. Troy & Alice Culp

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**Troy & Alice Culp** - October 17, 2015 at 11:12 AM

CB

“ Jim, thanks for the magic, the kind heart and the work of your hands. I know that so many have been blessed by you. For me, the precious table for the 2 years old class at MCC you built was exactly what I wanted. Our mission efforts in Mexico, I will remember forever. My heart goes out to your loving family, as I know they will miss you deeply. I will see you again, friend.  
Cathy Rice Bowles  
Athens, Greece

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**Cathy Bowles** - October 17, 2015 at 01:51 AM

LM

“ I worked with Jim for a while and all during that time I knew him to a kind, soft spoken, gentle person, always approachable. I will always remember him in this manner. May God be with the family during this time of sorrow. I will keep you in my prayers.

*Linda Adams - Oklahoma Emergency Management*

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**Linda Adams - Ok Emergency Management** - October 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM