



Billy Joe Cox

December 19, 1926 - April 19, 2019

Billy Joe Cox, 92, of Louisville passed away April 19, 2019 at Baptist Health. His wife, Velma, was by his side until his passing.

Rev. Cox was born in Scott County Tennessee. He graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity by Union College. During his ministerial career he served as a student pastor of churches in the mountains of eastern Kentucky and the mountains of north Georgia, and for forty-five years served as senior pastor of Methodist churches throughout Kentucky. Rev. Cox was a United States Air Force veteran and volunteered as a Chaplain. Rev. Cox later served on the Board of Trustees of the Old Methodist/Evangelical Hospital. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Lindsey Wilson College where he was Secretary and later Chairman of the board and a Trustee at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. He was a proud Kentucky Colonel. He authored several books and hosted the radio program "Fifty Seconds Please".

He is preceded in death by his parents Grover Cleveland Cox, Sr. and Hattie Jane Cox, sisters: Jean and Catholene, and brothers: Bernard, Casey and G.C. Billy and Velma were married October 1, 1947. They were married 72 years, 5 months and 19 days. He is survived by his wife, Velma Marie Davis Cox, two children, Dr. Dwayne Davis Cox (Beth) and Ruth Ann Cox Pence (Steve), and grandchildren, Margaret Brooks Cox, Joseph Stephen Pence, and Morgan Paige Pence.

Private service will be held Monday with burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville, Ky. There will be a reception followed by a memorial service May 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd. Louisville, Ky. 40205. Expressions of sympathy to his church St. Paul United Methodist.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery-Greenville, KY

Greenville, KY

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2000 Douglass Blvd
Louisville, KY 40205

Tribute Wall



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Cox.*



April 23, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *A beautiful man.....always went out of his way to speak to you! Lived across the street & always waved! Heaven has acquired a wonderful soul! Bob & Barbara ottman*

bob ottman - April 21, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JG

“ *Velma and family, Was so shocked this morning when Dwayne called saying that Billy had passed early this morning. I had just tried to make contact with him about w weeks or so ago because had't Bread from him lately but never got a reply and did't know their new address or phone #. Had know idea he had been so ill. Always enjoyed his letters, comments on Facebook and also lol is e mails for the last several years . Always keeping me informed what was going on with him and Velma the love of his life besides Christ!, Always emailing me about his children and those Grands he was so proud of his family . Also of his church families. May God keep his comforting arms aroun you all during your great lose but Heavens Hreat Gain. Wished I was able to make the trip to be with you all. Last memories was being with you all at the first and most likely last Woodruff Reunion. Will try and keep in touch with you all . Love from Judy Woodruff Gilbreth*

Judy Woodruff Gilbreth - April 19, 2019 at 08:30 PM

CG

So sorry to hear of your father's passing.they were both always so supportive of family. Know that your family is in my thoughts and of course in my prayers

Carol Grosse - April 20, 2019 at 12:06 AM

JL

I am sorry for the loss of Billy Cox. I enjoy his writings he sent through the email. A fine man. A couple of years ago they came to Pennyrile for their anniversary. I met them for dinner and enjoyed listening to memories Velma had of the Woodruff family. As we grow older, these memories are more precious.

janie woodruff lovell - April 20, 2019 at 08:24 AM