



James "Bubba" Cox

January 18, 1936 - November 29, 2020

James Richard "Bubba" Cox was born January 18, 1936 in Whiteville, Tennessee to Charles Cox and Ada C. Norment Cox. The family relocated to Kankakee, Illinois in August of that year. He attended local area schools and graduated from Kankakee High School in 1953. He enlisted post Korean War in February 1954 in Chicago for the United States Air Force and achieved the rank of A1C. Three years later in November 1957, he was discharged from Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. He then entered the workforce, where he held positions such as factory worker/union steward at Quaker Oats for 28 years, from whence he retired in February 1991.

Mr. Cox served on the Kankakee City Planning Commission and as a precinct committeeman. He was a member of Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher and also served on the Trustee Board. He served in various capacities of the Kankakee County NAACP. James was equally active as a coach for the Kankakee Jaycees Little League, union steward for Local 70, on committees, to end police brutality, to rename Franklin School to Millie L. Proegler, the Wagon Wheel Reunion Committee, and was instrumental in registering hundreds of citizens to vote. He was also a member of the committee to return to one High School, and member of the Black Liberation of Chicago. Mr. Cox enjoyed serving the people on the Kankakee City Council from 1999-2015, and was greatly respected by many.

James Richard "Bubba" Cox leaves to cherish his memory, one brother, Clifton Cox of Kankakee, IL; sisters, Lou Anna Hunter of Kankakee, IL, Ruby M. Tate of Joliet, IL, Lois Reid of Markham, IL and Jackie Adkins of Minnesota, and a host of nieces and nephews from California to Bermuda, from Minnesota to Florida, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Gertrude Cox, Cora Lee Garner and Ada L. Johnson; brothers, Edward "Baby Ray" Cox, George Cox, Leander Cox, Booker T. Cox and Ben E. Cox.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Service

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ May the family of "Bubba "James Cox know the peace of God that passes understanding & that it rest rule abide in your heart eternally! He is gone from this side but will never be forgotten in my



Blessings Rev Zelba R Owens

Rev Zelba R Owens - December 15, 2020 at 10:41 AM

TB

“ Our family has known Bubba Cox for many years and I was saddened to learn of his death. My mother was very fond of him and viewed him as a son. I hope you find the peace you deserve in heaven. Faustina Brookshaw



Thelma Brookshaw - December 14, 2020 at 10:07 AM

KP

“ Karen Pankey lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox



Karen Pankey - December 13, 2020 at 05:35 PM

RW

“ I was so surprised to hear of my friend Bubba's passing. I met him working at General Foods. Even after retirement we still kept in contact with each other. We always had lively chats. If you know Bubba you know what I mean. RIP my friend you will be missed. Ron "WILKO" Wilkins member and officer of Local 70.

Ron Wilkins - December 13, 2020 at 07:57 AM

BF

“ Brenda Felton lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox



Brenda Felton - December 12, 2020 at 06:21 PM

KJ

“ Mr. Cox was a true and beloved friend. He will be greatly missed by our entire family.
Kenneth & Naomi Jones

Kenneth Jones - December 10, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LS

“ Lajuene & Dwayne Sommerville lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox



Lajuene & Dwayne Sommerville - December 10, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox*



Patricia Jamison - December 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MC

“ *Our condolences to the family. Mark and Annie Calbert*



Mark&Annie Calbert - December 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM

GM

“ *"Bubba" was a good friend who was dedicated to serving his community. You can rest now. You earned it*

Gertrude Martin

Gertrude Martin - December 08, 2020 at 07:45 PM

CF

Sending our condolences to the family of James Bubba Cox.

Cherry Malone Marshall and family - December 10, 2020 at 01:30 AM

RF

“ Renee Fulton lit a candle in memory of James
"Bubba" Cox



Renee Fulton - December 08, 2020 at 11:48 AM

OT

“ Osie Taylor lit a candle in memory of James
"Bubba" Cox



Osie Taylor - December 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM

VC

“ Vietta Coffie lit a candle in memory of James
"Bubba" Cox



Vietta Coffie - December 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM

EC

“ Extending sincere condolences and prayers to the Cox/Hunter
families during this time of grief and reflection

Elayne Coffie - December 08, 2020 at 08:56 AM

CB

“ Claude Burns lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox



Claude Burns - December 07, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RM

“ R.I.P.Bubba🕊️ May you rest in the arms of our Savior 🌹

Rosetta Mason - December 07, 2020 at 01:10 PM

DM

“ Devin Madgett lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox



Devin Madgett - December 07, 2020 at 12:46 PM

NS

“ Mr. Cox, along with Mr. Clyde Pankey, took a group of Black street kids and taught us life lessons through little league baseball. His commitment to Kankakee's Black community NEVER ceased. He was a friend and confidant to many for more than 50 years. Rest in Peace.

Respectfully,
Nickey F. Yates, Sr.

Nickey F. Yates Sr - December 07, 2020 at 11:47 AM

EB

“ *Bubba Cox will be missed by all who knew him.*

Danny



Elder Danny C. Brewster - December 07, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Bob Schneider lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox*



Bob Schneider - December 07, 2020 at 09:14 AM

MG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Bubba will truly be missed.*



mary gaddy - December 06, 2020 at 05:47 PM

MF

“ *Rip my friend. Enjoy our conversation . You gave me great advice.*



Ms.Cheryl Wilson and family - December 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of James "Bubba" Cox*



JOANN FORD-BOX - December 06, 2020 at 04:39 PM