



Jack Cox, Sr.

March 1, 1923 - January 22, 2012

MYRTLE BEACH...Jack R. Cox, Sr., DVM, 88, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Sunday, January 22, 2012. He was the eldest son of the late Grier D. and Vick Long Cox, born March 1st, 1923, and was predeceased by his brothers, Francis Cox and Paul Cox, all of whom were from the Maple community in Conway where he grew up.

Dr. Cox was a veterinarian in Myrtle Beach for fifty years who, upon graduating from the veterinary school at Auburn, began his practice in the barn of the Washington Park Race Track in 1952, across from what is today the convention center on Oak Street. By the late 1960's he had moved to the city limits on Highway 501, where he renovated his original building to feature a curved roof and skylight. Next to it was the scuba diving pool with a glass front that he designed so that passersby could see the divers swimming. At about the same time he built the first cabana in what is now known as Myrtle Beach's Cabana Section.

He was a proud native of Horry County whose family has been here since the Revolutionary War. He graduated from Conway High School in 1940 and began work in carpentry. Later, he flew 47 missions as a tail gunner on a B-25 over Italy and Corsica in WWII for which he was awarded the Air Medal. He became a private pilot in his fifties. An inventor, he received seven patents over the span of four decades. He had countless interests and a passion for life. He had a special love for his family, high school classmates, WWII crew members and all those at First Baptist Church

Survivors include his former wife, Kate Moore Cox, of Myrtle Beach and Roxboro, NC; two daughters, Victoria Buresch of Washington, DC; and Kathryn Hedgepath and her husband, Jenks, of Myrtle Beach; a son, Jack R. Cox, Jr., of Horry County; a sister, Hannah Smallwood, of Port St. Joe, Florida; two nieces: Sarah Pennington and her husband, Tom, of Aynor; and Susie Fraser and her husband, Tom, of Brewton, AL; and two nephews: Clay Smallwood and his wife, De Etta, of Port St. Joe, FL; and Chuck Smallwood and his wife, Kristen, of Cocoa Beach, FL.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 PM Tuesday at Thompson Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach, 500 4th Avenue, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM.

Thompson Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Cox, Sr.



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ 61 files added to the album Jack Cox



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 24, 2012 at 04:55 PM

SG

We extend to you all our sincere sympathy. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, Vickie, Kathryn, Jay, Eva Kate

Sharon & Gene Gideon - Roxboro, NC

Sharon Gideon - January 28, 2012 at 08:51 AM

GN

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Bobby Gerald and Geraldine Moore Newton

Geraldine Moore Newton - January 28, 2012 at 04:07 PM

DJ

I will always have fond memories of Uncle Jack. May God bless everyone in this time of loss. My prayers are with you all.

David R. Moore Jr.- Raleigh, NC

David Ray Moore Jr. - February 04, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ *Uncle Jack has Gone West:*

Uncle Jack created many memories for me at an early age. From going out to eat at the fun and family style seafood restaurants with our family and his: (when the Jones clan was escaping Greensboro for the beach) to watching him operate on Ted (my Grandfather Wilkerson's horse) while in Roxboro for a family reunion. We enjoyed as kids going out on the beach to the cabana after eating dinner, watching the adults talk and reminisce while we kids got to walk on the beach at night and wiggle our toes in the water in the dark while learning about things such as bioluminescence! (Glow in the dark beach critters)! It was probably due to watching his diving operation at the swimming pool at the vet hospital along with the stories of his recoveries on the wrecks offshore Myrtle Beach which influenced my curiosity about diving and led me down the path as a marine biologist and research diver. Early memories like this have contributed to me always working on the water in one shape or fashion. The combination of hearing about his flying stories and my Uncle Bob actually taking me flying at an early age has gotten me so hooked on the flying bug with no regrets with that path I'm enjoying at this point in time.

Such an influential man who probably never even realized how many lives he changed for the better over the years! Donna and I went to Myrtle Beach sometime after we were married in the late 1990"s and dropped by the hospital out of the blue: We spent such an enjoyable afternoon with Uncle Jack and Jay. Uncle Jack realized Donna worked in the Vet management business for years and shared invaluable advice and tips along with the usual being such a gracious host while I enjoyed spending time with Jay and marveled at the knowledge he had of the heavy equipment industry. Even now, I have friends who export heavy equipment to South America; I would love to use Jay as a source for equipment referrals or purchase with his skills.

Uncle Jack, if you're reading this, Thanks for all of the positive examples which you set over the years! You've led a life to be proud of! I'm also sure that you're going to be very busy at the "Rainbow Bridge" with all the pets you've helped over the years

waiting to offer their thanks also. Rest in Peace and Thanks so much for your service to us and your country.

Respectfully,

Gene W. Jones

A poem which some may enjoy or feel appropriate is High Flight and follows here:

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.*

*Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew
And, while the silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

- John Gillespie Magee, Jr. RCAF (1922-1941)

if anyone is unfamiliar with the "Rainbow Bridge" <http://www.petloss.com/rainbowbridge.htm>

Gene Jones - January 24, 2012 at 12:53 PM

SP

“ I have many memories of Uncle Jack. He came to Maple at least once a week in his van. (I can even remember when he drove a VW van). He was always in hot pursuit of a new adventure. Uncle Jack knew how to live life.

Sarah Cox Pennington - January 23, 2012 at 07:26 PM

JM

“ Thanks Uncle Jack for the memories, and God bless the family at this time.

Garry Moore
Alpharetta, Ga

John Garry Moore - January 23, 2012 at 02:18 PM

DW

“ We extend to you all our sincere sympathy. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dorothy and Howard Whitfield

Dorothy and Howard Whifield - January 23, 2012 at 09:51 AM

MS

“ Sorry to hear about the lost of your father. Your family will be in our prayers.

Mark Tiece, Sr.

Mark Martin Tiece, Sr. - January 23, 2012 at 05:26 AM

RB

“ *Uncle Jack has been the subject of my bragging and I will continue to brag about him. His memory and kind deeds live in my heart.*
Ralph Beaver
Tampa, Florida

Ralph Beaver - January 22, 2012 at 08:37 PM

PM

“ *Rest in peace, Uncle Jack. My condolences to the family. Wish I could be there with you now. One of my best memories is of Uncle Jack taking me, Vicki and Jay crabbing and flounder gigging. He made a little girl's memories of Myrtle Beach special by taking her out to see the marsh and all the life in it.*
Uncle Jack had a kind heart. People as well as animals were blessed by him.
Susan Mitchell
Dillingham, Alaska

P. Susan Mitchell - January 22, 2012 at 08:23 PM

MG

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.
Mavis George

Mavis George - January 25, 2012 at 12:48 PM