



Samual Preston Cox Sr.

June 10, 1929 - December 3, 2023

Myrtle Beach.....

Samuel P. Cox, age 94, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, of natural causes. He grew up in Independence, VA on the family farm. He graduated from Independence High School in 1945, then attended Emory and Henry College receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1950. He then attended the University of Virginia receiving a Master's Degree in Education in 1956. He met his wife of 73 years, Norma Gaye Johnston, while teaching at Independence High School. He taught history and was Vice - principal at Meadows of Dan High School. He then taught and was Vice - principal at Critz High School. He was then Principal of Patrick Springs Elementary School. He moved on to be principal of Boonesboro combined Elementary and High School. He then became principal of Sugar Grove combined Elementary and High School. In 1963 he moved to Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge, VA. Where all three of his children attended. His final school was Stafford County High School in Stafford, Virginia. Sam is survived by his wife, Norma J. Cox, three children Sandra Revere, Vickie Cox, and Preston Cox. three grandchildren Amanda Revere, P.J. Cox, Greg Cox and his wife Jessica. One great grandchild Charlotte Cox. He was preceded in death by his parents Camet Cox and Sally Cox, two brothers C.B. Cox and Calvin Cox. In lieu of flowers please donate to Socastee United Methodist Church P. O. Box 30787 Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 Or Coastal Samaritan's at cscinfo@coastalsamaritan.org

Services will be held at Socastee United Methodist Church on December 16th at 1:00 PM, 5575 Dick Pond Road Myrtle Beach, SC Reception at home following service 6433 Sweet Gum Trail Myrtle Beach, SC Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Services

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Socastee United Methodist Church
5575 Dick Pond Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 650-3373

Tribute Wall

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“ Without question, one of the nicest and most level-headed principles I had the pleasure of never having to "meet" in his office. A truly great man. Andy Ohse, Stafford High School Class of 1987.

Andy Ohse - December 27, 2023 at 06:25 AM

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“ Sam Cox was my Father's (Joe Wileman) and Mother's (Nancy Wileman) first Principal at Gar-Field High School when they started teaching in 1963. Dad taught Chemistry and his classroom was across the hall from Sam's office. Mom was a substitute teacher. I remember Sam as a toddler as when my mother was substituting, I would spend my day in Sam's office as they could not afford day care. We all had great memories of Gar-Field High School in those days when it was on Cardinal Drive and I know my parents enjoyed their many year friendship with Sam. Years later as a freshman at Stafford High School I got to meet Sam again and visited him until my graduation. Needless to say he knew how to pronounce my last name as I crossed the stage to receive my diploma. I am so sorry to have missed his service. My condolences to his family.
Kim Wileman Fraser.

Kim - December 20, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ Mr. Cox was my first Principal when I graduated from Winthrop in 1965. Six of us left Rock Hill for job interviews in Prince William County in the Spring of that year. I was introduced to him while he was acting as a cashier in the school cafeteria. He was the kind of person who performed the task where the need was. I taught at Gar-Field Senior High School for twenty-five years, but my formative years as a young teacher were graced with Sam Cox as my boss. Over the decades I have had contact with Gaye and Sam and, through them, with their children. They are remarkable, intelligent, faithful people who love to laugh. And to Gaye and the children: “I love you and am so grateful for your friendship. You gave me wonderful memories!”

Jeannine “Tudgy” Turner - December 10, 2023 at 04:49 PM