



Billy Ray

November 23, 1931 - September 28, 2002

BILLY RAY COX, age 70, of Harpers Ferry, WVA, formerly of Haymarket, VA died Saturday, September 28, 2002 at his residence.

Mr. Cox was born November 23, 1931 in MacDonald, WVA and raised in Price Hill, WVA. He graduated from Mount Hope High School in 1950. Mr. Cox served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954 having been stationed at Lackland AFB, Sheppard AFB, Fairchild AFB, Castle AFB, and Japan. He graduated from Beckley Community College in 1958 with an Associate Degree. Mr. Cox worked for Braniff Airlines, both at National Airport and Dulles International Airport from 1959 to 1982. In the 1980's he worked at Conference Travel and in the 1990's he worked at GTE.

He was a well-respected resident of Bull Run Mountain and Haymarket. He coached the Bull Run Mountain Swim Team and Gainesville Little League's "The Cubs" and "The Pirates." He loved his community and gave his heart to the kids that grew up there.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clifford B. and Marie H. Morris Cox and a brother, Larry Cox.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mabel Martin Cox, one daughter, Kellie Philyaw, of Linden, VA, one son, Mike Cox of Harpers Ferry, WVA, two sisters,

Joretta Crosby, of New Carrollton, MD, Dorothy Brooks of Charlottesville, VA, two brothers, Don Cox, of TN and James Layton Cox, of Ormond Beach, FL.

Also surviving are 5 grandchildren, Matthew Philyaw, Brianne Cox, Brandon Cox, Tyler Philyaw and Kaycee Philyaw.

The family received friends from 7-9 PM, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002 at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA. The funeral liturgy was offered 10:30 AM, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA with Rev. Joseph Biniek officiating. Interment followed at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the St. James Building Fund, 311 S. George St., Charlestown, WVA 25414 in memory of Billy Ray Cox.