



Tommy E Cox

February 28, 1942 - May 12, 2015

Tommy Edward Cox February 28, 1942 - May 12, 2015. Resident of Cassville, MO. After a courageous 5 year battle with lung cancer and COPD and becoming a survivor, Tommy passed away suddenly at his home in Cassville, MO. Tommy was born in Warner, OK. As a baby his family moved to California where he lived for 40 years before moving to Missouri. After graduating high school he taught Cosmetology and was later drafted into the U.S Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam. Once returning from the war, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a Mail Carrier. He retired from the Post Office in Aurora, MO.

He was one of 7 children born to the late Garland and Reba Cox. He was a beloved husband of 7 years to Sonya (Kidwell) Cox whom he married on June 2, 2007. Tommy will forever be remembered by his surviving siblings; brothers Alvia and Kenneth Cox and sisters Peg and Kay Osborn, his beloved children Brian Cox, Andrea Cox, Marlene Garland and Joseph Papp, his step-son Ryan Mankin, his treasured grandchildren Nicholas, Garrett and Logan Cox, Shawn and Spencer Garland, and step-grandchildren Garrett Booher, and Dylan and Truman Mankin.

Tommy loved baseball in his youth. He played in High School and made it to the minor leagues. He also coached his children in baseball and softball. He loved fishing and went on deep sea adventures in California. He was talented and enjoyed wood crafting and made a number of treasures for his family. He was also a lover of nature and wildlife often taking in stray animals and nursing them back to health. He spent countless days' bird watching in his backyard and made sure they never went hungry. He enjoyed growing and eating vegetables from his garden each year. During his retirement years, he greatly enjoyed his time with his grandchildren. He liked to take long drives to look at the beautiful Missouri wildlife. He had a great sense of humor and liked playing card games which he could be quite competitive! He was a wonderful cook and often made food for his wife, family, and friends. WE LOVE YOU DAD! THANKS FOR MANY GREAT YEARS!

Tommy touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed. Friends and family are invited to attend his Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 17th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Brian and Shelly Cox ; 302 W Phelps, Pierce City, Mo. 65723. In lieu of flowers the family requests any donations you would like to make be sent to National Wildlife

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Comments



“ So sorry for you loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts
Lois Battin

Lois Brattin - May 23, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ My Uncle Tommy was a good man, and I will always remember him smiling at me. I was just thinking about Uncle Tom before my dad told me he passed. I was saddened even though I knew his health had been deteriorating and despite not having seen him in many years.
The last time I spoke with him was on the phone when I answered when he was calling to talk to my dad. They were close, had several visits over the recent years, and talked regularly. My dad will miss him, I am sure.
I had been wondering how he was doing, and if my dad had talked to his brother recently.
I was remembering quail hunting with my brother and my dad when Uncle Tom and Brian came to for a visit several years ago.
When I heard the news, my heart dropped and my eyes filled with tears. I put my hand on my dad's back and told him I was sorry. I immediately thought of Brian, the girls, and his wife.
Sonya and my cousins - I hardly knew you, but I am thinking about you a lot. I hope you are doing well.
Brian - I am thinking about you a lot, of course. I hope you are doing well, and that we can keep in touch.
He was loved dearly, and will be missed.

Doug Cox - May 15, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ What will I miss about Tom...The want to be UNO playing champ!!! His wonderful bacon greese filled brussel sprouts along with his Mothers potato salad and his foil wrapped grilled onions...putting his great cooking ability aside I will miss Tom, his grin, conversation about anything he had recently read on, alittle bit of his grumpiness which the uno team would just grump back. Watching him nurse a bird back to health who had flown into the window, feeding a lame buzzard chicken legs, his tender love for animals. We have now lost the men of our family night family. I grew to love Tom and will deeply miss him. Goodnight "UNO CHAMP" Chloe

chloe epperly - May 13, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ Sboundous42@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Tommy E Cox



Sboundous42@gmail.com - May 13, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ Carroll & Betty Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Tommy E Cox



Carroll & Betty Jarvis - May 13, 2015 at 01:46 PM