



William "Dan" Cox Jr.

December 15, 1942 - February 12, 2023

William Daniel "Dan" Cox, Jr. (1942-2023)

After a short illness, Dan Cox went peacefully to join his Savior on February 12, 2023. Dan was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, East Wenatchee, WA and Holy Cross Lutheran, Withrow, WA.

Parents Bill and Marie Cox raised Dan in the Seattle area, attending Shoreline High School. Upon graduation, Dan signed with the Boston Red Sox's in 1961 and was drafted, first round, by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1962.

In threat of the Vietnam draft, Dan joined the US Army becoming an officer. He served two tours in Vietnam. As an infantry officer, he was awarded two silver stars, three bronze stars for valor, a combat purple heart and a Combat Infantry Badge. As a pilot, he was awarded 41 Air Medals. Dan also received many South Vietnamese medals because he served as a commander of a South Vietnamese Intelligence and Reconnaissance company.

Dan married Joy Nollmeyer in 1965. Together they raised 3 children, Cari Lynn Cox, William Daniel Cox III and Tine Nollmeyer Cox. After serving 9 years active duty and 3 years in the Reserves, Dan resigned his captain's commission and in 1975 Dan and Joy moved to the family orchard where Joy still resides.

Dan served on the boards of the Washington State Apple Commission and Blue Chelan. He was a founding member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee and served as council member and elder. Dan graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and from the University of Southern California in Aviation Safety. Helped coach youth baseball in the Lake Chelan community mentoring his son; volunteered for Joan Shelton School of Ballet for 15 years dancing in many production with his wife and two daughters; attended countless Chelan and Douglas County fairs teaching his children responsibility, discipline, loyalty and drive which were fond memories and enjoyable times.

Dan is survived by his wife, Joy; daughter, Cari Tschetter; son, William Daniel Cox III; granddaughters; Lidia Bennison, Ella Tschetter; and grandson William Daniel Cox IV. Preceding him in death were daughter, Tine Nollmeyer Cox, his parents, and grandparents.

A private graveside funeral will be held at the Waterville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to favorite charities.

Tribute Wall

VC

“ I just read of Dan's sudden and unexpected passing. I was his fuel man for several years prior to my retirement. He always treated me well and he was my friend. I see other comments about the quality of his character and I certainly agree that he was a fine man. To his family, I want to say that I know this is a difficult and sad time. His was a life well lived. I pray that his memory will give you comfort.

Vic Clayson - February 28, 2023 at 08:05 PM

JC

Thanks, Vic, for your kind and thoughtful comments. Joy and Family

Joy K Cox - March 07, 2023 at 10:58 AM

PN

“ Dan's passing was so unexpected and such a shock. The last time I saw Dan in person was at My God Mother Anna Dittert's Funeral Service. It had been many years since seeing him. And, as always, Dan greeted me with that wonderful inviting, accepting, and loving smile. In all the memories I have of Dan, he always had that smile. God Love and Peace to you Cousin Joy and family.

Phil Nollmeyer - February 21, 2023 at 09:51 AM

RS

So sorry to hear of Dans passing sending prayers and hugs to his family remember his as the best father to the children he and Joy was a forever couple

Ruby Sutterfield - March 01, 2023 at 08:43 AM

JC

Thanks, Ruby, for your prayers and hugs. Yes, we are a forever couple. Joy

Joy K Cox - March 07, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LM

“ Dan was always a pleasure to chat with. Always seemed to be interested in what a person was saying. Joy and Kari will miss you as well as all those hearts you have touched.



Larry McFadden - February 18, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JC

Thank you, Larry, for your insightful words. He was interested in what you said, Joy and Cari

Joy K Cox - March 07, 2023 at 11:02 AM

RS

“ I was so sorry to learn of Dan’s passing. Dan was a wonderful man, and friend. To Joy and the family, please accept my most sincere condolences.

I knew Dan for over 30 years. Dan was a man of integrity. He was always honest and sincere in his desire to be a good husband and father. His faith in Jesus as his savior was beyond question, and his dealings with others were with integrity and honesty. I was proud to call Dan my friend.

I will pray that God gives Joy and the family peace and comfort, knowing Dan is with our Lord.

From Ron Skagen

Ron Skagen - February 18, 2023 at 08:56 AM

JC

Thanks, Ron, for your meaningful thoughts. Dan always appreciated you and trusted your words. Also, thanks for your phone call. It meant so much to me. Joy

Joy K Cox - March 07, 2023 at 11:04 AM

MB

Joy, I was so sorry to hear of Dan's passing and of your extra burden of caring for the orchard. Just reading through the comments above I can see that you have many supportive friends. I'm confident that with the support of an all-loving Father in Heaven - you'll successfully navigate this time of loss and stress - and I'm positive that you'll see your beloved again when this mortal trial is over. Be of good cheer - He who overcame the world will not leave you comfortless!. :-)) Matt

Matt Black - March 27, 2024 at 01:05 PM