



James Columbus Cox

December 12, 1940 - December 19, 2020

James Columbus Cox was born in Oklahoma City on December 12, 1940 to Jim and Joy Cox. He passed away in Oklahoma City on December 19, 2020. Growing up in Oklahoma City, he graduated from Northeast High School in 1959.

After a trial run at college, he joined the US Navy to see the world. His ship went on high alert when JFK was assassinated. After an honorable discharge, he came back to Oklahoma to Midwest City where for a while he drove an ambulance, buses, and served as a police officer. Interestingly enough, with all that driving experience, he still couldn't back a trailer.

He found himself in Chicago working for the Rock Island Railroad as a railroad detective, where in 1966 he met a young lady from the computer department. He proposed two months later and was married on November 12, 1966 to the love of his life, Delores (Dolly) Mary Ellena Cox. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1971 with one year old son James Theodore (Ted). Son Jon Edward was born in 1973. In 1977, after learning college was easier when you studied, he finished his bachelor's degree with a 4.0 GPA in his second attempt at classes. With the Rock Island closing in 1979, he started OCU law school in the fall of 1980. Passing the bar exam in 1983, he practiced law until his death.

He coached little league baseball for many years, coaching both of his sons. He coached for an additional 10 years without having either of his boys on the team. He also coached the American Legion high school majors' team. He

coached several championship teams. Most of his players played high school ball, many played college ball, and a small handful played in the major leagues.

He loved traveling with his wife. They sailed on multiple cruises, from Alaska to the Panama Canal to Scandinavia and to the Mediterranean Sea. Anyone that knew him knew that he loved golf. He was accused of continuing to practice law just to support his golf habit. After his golf clubs were stolen out of the garage, they were moved to his bedroom where they remain to this day if they are not in his vehicle. He enjoyed playing golf with his grandsons James and Joey. He also loved watching his grandchildren play sports including golf, football, swimming, baseball, basketball, softball, and band. Later, he became one of biggest Paoli Pugs' fans, literally driving to all four corners of Oklahoma to watch them play.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother Jerald Cox, one nephew. He is survived by his wife Dolly of the home, son Ted Cox and wife Lori of Purcell, son Jon Cox and wife Sherra of Norman, brother Joe Cox and wife Connie of Oklahoma City. Grandchildren Lauren Arrasmith, Brady Cox, Cody Cox, James Cox, Joey Cox, Nadia Cox, Gavin Edington and wife Jessica, Landon Edington and Cheyenne Fulks. He is also survived by brothers and sisters in laws, many nieces and nephews, and some golfing buddies.

Funeral Services will be held December 26, 2020 at First Baptist Church, 400 West Main Street Purcell, Oklahoma at 11:00 am. Interment will be at 2:00 pm at Dale Cemetery, Dale Oklahoma. Masks and/or social distancing are encouraged. The service will be livestreamed on our website, www.wilsonlittle.com and our Facebook page, Wilson Little.