



John B. Cox

April 28, 1935 - November 5, 2019

John Bartels Cox, 84, of Troy, MI, died November 5, 2019.

Born in Detroit on April 28, 1935, John was the son of James and Mary Lu Cox. He grew up in Birmingham, MI, graduating from Birmingham High School in 1953. He ran two seasons of track. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees (1958 and 1965 respectively) in Chemical Engineering from Wayne State University, then earned a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Detroit in 1970. He was affiliated with Theta Tau fraternity.

Married to the late Carol Smith Cox in 1968, they would have celebrated 51 years on November 23. Carol died October 23, 2019. They had two children, Ted and Deb.

John was hired as a junior engineer by American Natural Resources Co. He would work at ANR (later becoming Coastal Corp.) until 1990, peaking as a manager of planning and administration for the construction of a \$2 billion coal gasification plant that was built in North Dakota. After John retired from Coastal, he opened a business with Carol, The Ink Well in Auburn Hills, in 1991. They eventually broke off from that franchise agreement in 1993 and ran the independently owned Allegro Printing until 1997. He also worked as a security guard and an election precinct worker during his retirement years. Survivors include his two children, Ted (Domonica) Cox and Deb (Isaac) Giron; his grandchildren Theo and Emma Cox, Eryce Wilcoxson, and Micah Giron; his nieces Kathy (Jim) Reeves and Sally (Greg) Gilreath, and nephews

Bill (Maggie) McGillicuddy and Mike (Traci) McGillicuddy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Boys Scouts of America.

John was a Scout leader for Troop 1701 in Troy.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 17, 2019, at the Wm. Sullivan and Son funeral home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI. Visitation at 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. Share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It has been awhile since we last met, but iv'e known John for a very long time. He was one of my fraternity brothers from Theta Tau, a national engineering fraternity. Way back when, a number of the brothers would get together for dinner. We didn't always meet, but when we did; we had a great time. Our group is pushing the time table. Sad to see you go. You were a good friend, and will be missed by family and friends.

Dick Lynch

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