



Walter Barry Cox

August 11, 1941 - September 12, 2020

Walter Barry Cox met Jesus face to face on September 12th, surrounded by his family in Rogers, Arkansas. He was born in Forrest City, Arkansas, on August 11, 1941. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Edward Cox and Laverne Rose Cox and baby brother, Billy Steve.

Walter is survived by his wife, Judi, sons John, Lance, Wesley and his wife, Alexis, son Brian, daughter Brook Clavey and her husband, Paul, and daughter Ashley Stone and her husband, David. He is survived by 16 grandchildren. He also is survived by six siblings; Kay Courtney, Bud Cox, Micky Cox, Linda Farr, Phil Cox and Connie Johnson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Walter was the son of a sharecropper, and though he and his family were poor in money, they were rich in love. From the approximate age of nine, Walter wanted to be an attorney, and he hitch-hiked to and from college in Fayetteville, and worked full time throughout college and law school, to achieve his goal.

Walter specialized in medical malpractice defense, and he considered it a great honor to defend those in the medical profession. He was admired and respected by his peers, who considered him one of the finest trial attorneys in the state.

Though too humble to talk about it, Walter was appointed Special Justice to the Arkansas Supreme Court by Governor Asa Hutchinson and, over the course of his 54 year career, he received most every award offered to exceptional attorneys, including his induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers (1986); the Arkansas Bar Association Outstanding Lawyer of the Year (2012) award; the Lawyer of the Year (Fayetteville, Medical Malpractice Defense) award by U.S. News & World Report (2011, 2012); and the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel Outstanding Defense Attorney award (2012-2013). He was an "AV" (preeminent) rated attorney since 1980, was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and was regularly named in Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers in America, and Best Lawyers in the State of Arkansas (Arkansas Times).

Walter loved Jesus, and his family and country; he was a man of great faith, with complete devotion to his family. And he was a true southern gentleman, and a gentle giant. He was the sweetest man we knew, and his life produced such wonderful fruits of the Spirit.

A celebration of Walter's life will be held on September the 16th at 2:00 P.M. at Fellowship Bible Church, Fayetteville (masks required), with private internment at Fairview Memorial Gardens. For those unable to attend, a live-stream will be available at <https://live.fellowshipnwa.org/>. To place an online tribute, visit www.nelsonberna.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in memoriam to one of the following charitable organizations that Walter faithfully supported: Loving Choices, Samaritan's Purse, and Samaritan House.

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission

Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Events

SEP **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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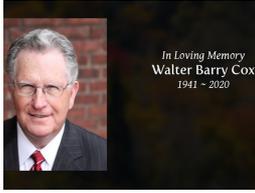
Fellowship Bible

3447 North Hwy 112, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - September 15 at 04:24 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 16 at 11:41 PM



“ I litigated my first case against Walter. As a newly minted attorney, it was like walking into the eye of a hurricane. I always admired his professionalism. Make no mistake, he was a killer. However, he was also a genuinely nice man. My condolences to his family and friends.

Damon Assem - September 16 at 11:20 PM



“ During the short time I worked for Mr. Cox, I quickly learned how humble and kind he was. He was an exceptional man and will be missed by many.
Delia Foster

Delia Foster - September 16 at 04:08 PM



“ Ashley cox Stone, your dad was top shelf in all regards. Hugs. Jeff Slaton

Jeff Slaton - September 16 at 03:22 PM



“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the family. Walter was always such a pleasure to work with. He was always so encouraging to me when I went into business for myself in 2009 and in the years since. In fact, in my last email exchange with him, he once again gave me a great compliment, which made me feel very special. I will miss seeing him.

Sheila Alexander

Sheila Alexander - September 16 at 02:27 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 16 at 09:44 AM



“ Our sincere sympathies for you, Connie. Your brother must have been an incredible man of God and know he will be greatly missed.
Cecil and Nola Gangluff

Cecil and Nola - September 16 at 07:47 AM



“ Walter was one of the greatest men I have ever known. Genuine, considerate, calm, caring, integrity, intelligent, professional, compassionate, giving, charitable are just some of the adjectives describing Walter. He loved his family but most of all, he loved Christ! I will miss him dearly. Well done good and faithful servant!

Danny Proffitt - September 15 at 11:55 PM



“ Walter was a true legend. I was fortunate to watch and learn from him. We once were in Florida for depositions and I learned so much not just by watching him in action, which was incredible in its own right, but simply talking and listening to him on and in between flights and when we shared a few meals. It was truly an honor for me I will never forget. He is missed and his family is in my prayers. He immensely treasured you.

Dale Brown - September 15 at 10:59 PM



“ Our deepest condolences.
Sending prayers for peace and comfort for Judi and the entire family.

Kirk and Hollie Campbell - September 15 at 10:52 PM



“ Thoughts of grace and comfort to the Walter Cox family.
Gary Morris

gary morris - September 15 at 05:54 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 04:50 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 04:49 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 01:47 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 12:12 PM



“ Wes, He was one of a kind. He was so different from most in his profession. He was a friend who was always willing to help if he could. I have worked with him for many years and have only heard good things from his friends and clients. May the Lord give your family peace at this time. Brenda Bowman

Brenda Bowman - September 15 at 11:40 AM



“ As a physician in Mountain Home I was sure glad I had Walter to call on when needed. He was a true gentleman and Christian. You, his family are in my prayers.
Robert L. Kerr

robert kerr - September 15 at 11:39 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 11:37 AM



“ RMP purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Walter Barry Cox.





RMP - September 15 at 10:14 AM



“ Walter was a true friend and professional colleague. We first met in the mid 1980s when he was defending a client in a wrongful death case. He was a seasoned attorney and I was a young unseasoned lawyer. His kindness was always present. Although we never met in court again, I would often see Walter picking up the mail at the Dickson Street Post Office. I am saddened by his loss as a professional. May I emulate his kindness. May he rest in peace.

Timothy C. Klinger - September 15 at 10:07 AM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 09:28 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Barry Cox.



September 15 at 09:02 AM