



Douglas W. Cox

December 10, 1952 - August 30, 2024

Douglas W. Cox was born December 10, 1952, in Fredonia, KS, to local United Brethren pastor Emmett Cox and his wife Shirley, a teacher in a nearby town. Before two years were over, the family found themselves in Sierra Leone, West Africa as missionaries for the United Brethren denomination. The family served more than one term-- adding two little sisters while home on furlough and lived in Sierra Leone for about 10 years total before returning permanently to the United States at the end of Douglas' 9th grade year. Douglas (now Doug) graduated from Huntington North High School a semester after starting at Huntington College, marrying his high school sweetheart, Rebecca Ray, that summer in Huntington, Indiana. He transferred to Ball State, majoring in Radio, Television and Motion Picture Production, then joined the Air Force and was stationed in California while he and Rebecca started their family. Upon leaving the Air Force, he joined the Indiana Air National Guard full time and continued his world travels from Baer Field. He left the Guard for Magnavox (now Raytheon), retiring from there 30 years later.

Doug received degrees from San Bernardino Valley College, the Community College of the Air Force, and Indiana University, with post graduate work at Purdue. He holds a joint patent with his mentor of many years, Flip Millis. Doug enjoyed photography, woodworking, and reading (among many other hobbies). He was in the Toastmasters World Championship of Public

Speaking twice, spent time as a volunteer announcer/host for WBNI public radio in the late 1980s, and was the voice on many Missionary Church videos in the 1990s.

Doug spent many years as the praise and worship leader at Living Hope Missionary Church of Dunfee, IN with his wife, Rebecca, and the two of them, working together, were heavily involved in church activities there, teaching Sunday school, and directing special holiday events. He had a special love of teaching and music.

Although his life thus far was full and may have seemed impressive to many, Doug's greatest triumph was achieved when he passed into glory to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 30, 2024 in his home, tended by family, with his dear Becca at his side. He is survived by Rebecca, his beloved wife of 52 years, a brother, Billy Simbo of Sierra Leone (now in Philadelphia), sister Darlene (Denny) Salway in Ohio, three daughters, Arwen Fair and Natasha (Patrick) Cassidy of West Baden Springs, Kirsten (David) Lawrence of Fort Wayne, 15 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Dianne Cox and parents, Emmett and Shirley Cox.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday, September 6, 2024 at Living Hope Missionary Church, 818 W County Line Rd N., Ft. Wayne, IN 46818, followed by Funeral Services at 12:00 pm Friday, September 6, 2024 at Living Hope Missionary Church with Pastor Jon Pelz officiating. Military Honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Douglas to the Living Hope Missionary Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Douglas W. Cox.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Living Hope Missionary Church
818 W County Line Rd N
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our Memories and condolences are with the whole family today. So glad Doug and Becca visited us just a few years ago in Virginia. We know he is with our Lord.*

Peggy JO Betterly - September 07, 2024 at 09:04 AM

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“ *My first memory of Doug dates back to 1992/93 while I was active duty in the Army and he worked at Magnavox (now Raytheon). Doug and Flip Millis were providing us an update on a project they were working on for the Army. After that briefing, I referred to Flip and Doug as the team that could sell you a hot dog that had already been eaten! During my time working at Raytheon, I was blessed with many years as having Doug as a co-worker, manager, and a friend. My best memories with Doug were our travels together and his love of photography. A couple of the pictures he took in our travels will always hang over my head. He will truly be missed by his family and all who knew him.*

Tom Edwards - September 06, 2024 at 12:23 PM

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“ *I remember Doug and his friendship...even though we haven't talked in years, it was Doug who helped get me hired at Raytheon many many years ago, and we had great times of fellowship as a fellow believer. He knew as a "bi-vocational Pastor, that I needed to have flexibility in my job. We often talked about the Goodness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ...!!! Heaven has become even sweeter and I look forward to seeing Doug again, soon! Pastor Dan Kemp, Olive Branch Baptist Church, Linton, IN. Raytheon Employee (98'-04').*

Pastor Dan Kemp - September 05, 2024 at 05:52 PM

GP

“ Our prayers are with the Cox family especially our dear friends Darlene & Denny Salway. With much love from Gary & Pat Foster

Gary & Pat - September 04, 2024 at 02:56 PM

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“ Doug hired me as a secretary for the Field Integration Team at Raytheon, He was a wonderful inspiration to me with his kind words and understanding. He also told me that I wouldn't do many International travel plans for the team and the first week on the job I did International travel for the team. We laughed about that for years. I loved Doug as a great friend and manager. I know the family will miss his wit and love, as I will. I also know he will be looking down at us and giving a thumbs up.

Pam Shook - September 04, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Kirsten Lawrence - September 02, 2024 at 10:27 PM