



Mr. Leslie Cox Sr

May 18, 1943 - December 27, 2025

Leslie Ray Cox, Sr., beloved son of the late Reverend Johnnie R. Cox and Ida Ore Cox, was born on May 18, 1943, in Washington, North Carolina. Affectionately known as “Les”—was grounded in faith, family, and service, values that shaped the remarkable life he lived.

Les attended Pitt County Public Schools and graduated from C.M. Eppes High School in 1961. Soon after, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force. Over a distinguished 20-year career, Les served honorably both overseas and stateside, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. His service reflected excellence, discipline, and integrity, and he was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. While serving, he furthered his education by earning an Associate Degree in Applied Science from the Community College of the Air Force, a degree in Liberal Arts from Saint Leo College, and he also attended Pitt Community College.

Following his military retirement, Les continued his commitment to hard work and service, spending 18 years as a Sales Associate with Heilig-Meyers Furniture Company in Greenville, North Carolina before retiring in March 2000.

A man of deep faith, Les was a devoted member of York Memorial A.M.E.

Zion Church, where he served faithfully in numerous capacities. His service included Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Peacher Steward, Missionary, Class Leader, Coordinator of the Men's Fellowship, and member of the Male Choir. His dedication to the church reflected his love for God and his desire to uplift others.

Les' commitment extended far beyond the church walls. He was actively involved in the community, serving as Adjutant of American Legion Post 160, a life member of DAV Chapter #7230, and a longtime DAV Van Driver, generously giving his time to help fellow veterans. He also served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President of the Pitt-Greenville Sertoma Club and as Treasurer of the Pitt County Branch of the NAACP.

His pride and love for Eppes High School were unmistakable. Les devoted countless hours to preserving its legacy, serving as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the GIHS-Eppes Alumni Association, Treasurer for the GIHS-Eppes High School Alumni Heritage Society, and President for the Pitt County Chapter of GIHS-Eppes High School. He also served his city as a member of the Affordable Housing Loan Committee for the City of Greenville, always striving to improve the lives of others.

Les was preceded in death by his first wife of 49 years, Cherry Hester Cox, his eldest son, Leslie R. Cox, Jr., and sister, Johnnie Mae Cox.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 11 years, Patricia Freeman Cox; his devoted mother, Ida Ore Cox of Winterville; his children, Barron A. Cox of Hampton, VA, Trenita Cox Rogers of Greenville, NC, and Reginald T. Cox (Michelle) of Upper Marlboro, MD. He was a proud and loving grandfather to six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Aricia Cox, Brandon Cox, Leslie R. Cox III, April Cox, Erica Rogers, Kayla Cox, Skylar Cox, Kenji Mitchell, III, and Kase Mitchell. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters:

Rev. Randolph Cox (Lucy), Cody Cox (Rose), James Cox (Sandra), Leon Cox (Martha), Joel Cox (Sarah), Ida Cox, Linda Cox Murphy (Rev. Melvin Murphy), Evelyn Cox Langley (Clifton), along with a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

York Memorial AME Zion
201 Tyson Street
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

York Memorial AME Zion
201 Tyson Street
Greenville, NC

Tribute Wall

VH

“ Vernell Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Vernell Hamilton - January 11 at 03:30 AM

VH

“ Duane and Valentina Holder



Valentina Holder - January 09 at 12:50 PM

JF

“ Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Johnny and LaVette Ford - January 07 at 05:47 AM

SR

“ *A life well lived.
And that smile. Never saw him without it...*

*Peace and Love, Cox Family
Sherree Waller Rogers
& the Farrow Family*



Sherree L Rogers - January 05 at 10:52 AM

DJ

“ *Dear Cox Family: I am so sorry for the loss of
Brother Cox. I am praying for your family's
strength and uplift during this difficult time. -
Sister Doris Justice, Phoenix AZ (formerly of
York Memorial)*



Doris Justice - January 05 at 10:44 AM

RM

“ *My condolences to the family for the loss of their love one. I pray
that God will
strengthen you and surround you with his love .. God Bless !!*

Ron McCoy - January 05 at 09:48 AM

CW

*To the Cox family and my God -daughter, Trinita. Continue to look to
Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He's our Helper. I pray for
peace, strength and comfort for the family.*

Cynthia Williams - January 07 at 08:57 AM

CR

“ *Cleveland And Denise Rountree-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore - January 04 at 10:00 PM

DS

“ *Praying for your family.*

Danielle Teel Soles



Danielle Soles - January 04 at 05:13 PM

RE

“ *Regina Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Regina Edwards - January 04 at 03:52 PM

RE

“ *Rev. Weldon Egerton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Rev. Weldon Egerton - January 03 at 11:15 PM

RE

“ *Rev. Weldon & Alma Egerton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Rev. Weldon & Alma Egerton - January 03 at 11:09 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Peggy Wooten - January 03 at 10:50 PM

BD

“ *Byron D. Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Byron D. Tyson - January 03 at 05:18 PM

JA

“ *James And Juanita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



James and Juanita Anderson - January 03 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Teresa Fleming - January 03 at 02:37 PM

RW

“ Ramona Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Ramona Williams - January 03 at 01:28 PM

Stay close to people who love like teaching.

“ Judy Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Judy Ruffin - January 03 at 01:14 PM

BT

“ Byron D Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Byron D Tyson - January 03 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ *Carnell & Denise Burney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Carnell & Denise Burney - January 03 at 12:46 PM

CB

“ *Carnell Burney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Carnell Burney - January 03 at 12:44 PM

LB

“ *Linda C Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Linda C Baker - January 03 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ *Chantelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Chantelle - January 03 at 11:20 AM

SG

“ *Sheila Godette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Sheila Godette - January 02 at 10:31 PM

MM

“ *Michele Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Michele Moore - January 02 at 09:58 PM

RJ

“ *Rhonda Grant Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Rhonda Grant Jordan - January 02 at 08:13 PM

CF

“ To the Cox family, we are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with your family at this time and days to come. God will certainly carry you through this difficult time. Just call him.

*With deepest sympathy,
The Cox's of Grimes Street
Barbara, Ernest Lee, Camilla, Lena and Michael*



COX FAMILY - January 02 at 05:26 PM

YJ

“ Yvette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Yvette Jackson - January 02 at 05:04 PM

K?

“ We Love you uncle Dink 🙏💖 I'm so glad all my kids got to know and Love you!

**memories *blessings *kindhearted*



Karyn Cox & Family 🙏 - January 02 at 04:07 PM

KC

“👑💖 I love you uncle Dink, my favorite uncle you will forever be in my heart! Please hold my Mom's-Mattie Cox and your sister my aunt Johnnymae's hands in heaven...
I know I now have My (3) Angels watching over me🕊️ Rest In Heaven

Karyn Cox - January 02 at 03:58 PM

JM

“ Julius And Mary Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Julius and Mary Murphy - January 02 at 03:20 PM

JM

“ Julius And Mary Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Julius and Mary Murphy - January 02 at 03:08 PM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Gayle Hardy - January 02 at 12:22 PM

JF

“ *Mr. Cox was a Godly man and appreciated knowing him.*



Jill Ebron & Family - January 02 at 12:19 PM

CC

“ *Cody Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Cody Cox - January 02 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ *Our prayers are with you and the family. Johnny and Pricilla Moye of Winterville NC.*



Johnny Moye and Pricilla Moye - January 02 at 11:44 AM

WD

“ *From the entire Hardy family of Simpson we are with you . Jimmie, Peggy, Ethelene, Laverna, Janice and Elaine we remember the old days.*

Waverly Daniels - January 02 at 10:47 AM

WD

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the Cox family. I have known your family since the sixties. Remember your dad and mom from Morning Star church and later as a neighbor. Memories in PEACE from neighbor to neighbor!

Waverly Daniels - January 02 at 10:43 AM

MH

“ Muriel Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Muriel Hines - January 02 at 03:48 AM

LC

“ Linda Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Linda Cox - January 01 at 11:15 PM

BH

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the family. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.



Brenda Huntley - January 01 at 10:22 PM

TF

“ *Tanya Tucker, Tucker & Streeter Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Tanya Tucker, Tucker & Streeter family - January 01 at 11:52 AM

CD

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family.*



Connie Daniels-Brown - December 31, 2025 at 11:38 PM

OJ

“ *Otis And Darlene Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Otis and Darlene Jeffries - December 31, 2025 at 11:39 AM

PM

“ *Patricia McArthur lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Patricia McArthur - December 31, 2025 at 09:14 AM

EC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your love one.
May God grant you all the strength and
comfort you need during this time of
bereavement. Please accept our
condolences. 🙏
Ernest and Jo-Anne Clemons
Koinonia Christian Center Church



Ernest and Jo-Anne Clemons - December 30, 2025 at 11:24 PM

TP

“ Teresa Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Leslie Cox Sr



Teresa Phillips - December 30, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EB

“ May great memories of your loved one
sustain you now and in the days to come.



E. Ramona Brown - December 30, 2025 at 06:44 PM

MB

“ Marie Brock lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Leslie Cox Sr



Marie Brock - December 30, 2025 at 04:28 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Betty Nurse - December 30, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AM

“ Sending my condolences to the family

Arlene mobley - December 30, 2025 at 10:51 AM

WC

“ Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Walter and Mildred Council - December 30, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MS

“ Michele Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Michele Scott - December 30, 2025 at 06:46 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr*



Ben Wooten - December 30, 2025 at 12:29 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family* 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM

TM

“ *Praying for the Cox family. Earth has no sorrow heaven cannot heal.*



Tonette McNeil - December 29, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JG

“ *Sending love to the Cox's family and condolences . Be encouraged*



Joyce Grimes - December 29, 2025 at 12:59 PM

RK

“ To Mrs. Ida, Mrs. Cox (wife) and Family: I want to express to all if you my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. I have known Les for a long time. My first encounter with him was at a furniture store called Heileg Meyers! Les was a salesman. He would deal with the Black customers. He knew his craft really well and brought a lot of customers to the business. I have bought many things from the store with Les as my salesman. He was also a faithful member of York Memorial, active in the community and worked tirelessly for the good of the citizens of Pitt County and beyond. Family, continue to trust our Lord and Savior. He knows your hurts, your sorrow, and He cares for you. This loss is so close to the loss of your beloved Johnnie Mae, but God knows what we don't. Continue to look to the hills from which comes your help. The Lord will see you through at this most difficult time. You are in my prayers.

Rev. Joyce A. King - December 29, 2025 at 09:20 AM

BC

“ Bernice Coward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Bernice Coward - December 29, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Cox Sr



Cecily Sene - December 29, 2025 at 04:36 AM

BB

*To: The Cox Family:
We are extending heartfelt condolences to your entire family.
We as members of Sweet Hope Ministries, will continue to lift up your names in prayer and ask God to give each of you the strength to tunnel through the difficult days that lie ahead.
We love all of you!
Bro. & Sis.
Timothy & Joyce Benjamin*

Bro. Timothy & Joyce Benjamin - January 03 at 12:13 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BC

Offering my condolences to the Cox family.

Bernice Coward - December 29, 2025 at 09:12 AM

VR

*Praying for all of you during this time. Keep looking up!
Veronica W. Roberson*

Veronica W. Roberson - December 29, 2025 at 06:17 PM

GB

Sending my prayers and love yo Pat Cox and family

Gloria Bunch - December 29, 2025 at 07:32 PM

BH

Soror Pat and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda Huntley - December 30, 2025 at 07:21 PM

DW

On behalf of the EPPES HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. BOARD, I extend our deepest sympathy to the LESLIE COX, SR. family. Brother Cox was an integral leader in the early formation of this scholarship nonprofit organization. He was at the initial founding meeting and was elected as the first treasurer of the EHS, He then helped to secure the IRS 501 (c) 3 status that has been current for 25 years, Leslie's business skills anchored the fiscal foundation that the EHS, Inc. operates from today. He was a consensus builder and mentored many new board members. He loved God, his family, and Eppes. High School.. We will cherish memories and forever respect Leslie's directives and friendship.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dr. Bernadette G. Watts, President
Eppes Heritage Society, Inc.*

Dr. Bernadette G. Watts - January 01 at 11:40 PM