



James Ray Cox

July 24, 1942 - May 14, 2025

James Ray Cox, a beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 14, 2025, at the age of 82. Born on July 24, 1942, James lived a full and vibrant life marked by dedication to his family, career, and passions.

A devoted family man, James shared 58 wonderful years with his loving wife, Phyllis Cox. Together, they built a life rich in love and laughter, raising two cherished daughters, Tracey Seaman (Robert) and Trisha R. Goins (Randy). He is also survived by his sister, Wanda Gobin (Mike), who held a special place in his heart.

James proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years during the Vietnam War. After his honorable service, he embarked on a long and successful career with Delta, retiring after 33 years of dedicated work.

Known for his zest for life, James was truly the life of the party. He was a grill master who delighted in sharing meals and stories with family and friends. A passionate sports enthusiast, he had a deep love for baseball and spent time coaching boxing, imparting his knowledge and enthusiasm to others. Music was a constant companion in his life, often enjoyed with a cold beer in hand.

An avid animal lover, James found joy in feeding deer and connecting with the

natural world around him. His gentle spirit and love for animals were evident to all who knew him.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Willie O'Dell Cox and Dovie Bell Long Cox, whose memories he cherished throughout his life.

A Celebration of Life Service to be held in July 2025, where stories will be shared, and his remarkable life will be honored.

James Ray Cox leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and kindness. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ Jim was one of the best neighbors we could ask for. Always willing to help (such as when a pipe burst in our laundry room a few minutes before I returned home from a business trip) and didn't hesitate getting wet and/or dirty. And I enjoyed being referred to as "lad" even though I'm a few years older . . . It just amused me . . . He'll just be missed for dozens of small reasons . . . for a long, long time.

Gary Erlichman - May 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BG

“ Lad's home was Edgar Springs, Mo, and mine was Kimble, Mo... about 7 miles apart. He knew my people and I knew some of his. He was a very good man and I always enjoyed working with him at Delta. Condolences to the family.

Bob Grace - May 22, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Jim was a gentle soul. May he rest in peace 🙏🙏
Carol and John Karo

Carol Karo - May 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JO

“ Worked with Jimmy years ago at Delta ...his nickname was "Lad" because he called everybody "Lad". Just a good all around who loved the STL Cardinals...Rest in Peace my friend

Jim Ouzts - May 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DD

“ Tracey, my heart goes out to you and your family. I know you cared for him as much as a daughter could. Love you and praying for you. Love Debbie Dunnegan and Ellen Harris.

Debbie Dunnegan - May 16, 2025 at 06:17 AM

LM

“ Lem Moore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Ray Cox.



Lem Moore - May 15, 2025 at 06:04 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏❤️

JoAnne Schepis - May 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM