



## John Cox

February 15, 2012

### Obituary of John Cox

John D. Cox, 70, The Villages, FL died Wednesday, February 15, 2012. He was born in Watertown, NY and moved to The Villages in 2003. He was a previous member of First Baptist Church in Watertown, graduated from Watertown High School in 1960 and attended SUNY Delhi. He was a General Manager of General Crushed Stone and retired in 1997. This position was previously held by his father and grandfather, dating back to Watertown Stone Products. John was a Town Justice for the Town of LeRay from 1978 until 2003. During his years as a Town Justice he served on the Board of New York State Magistrates, moving into the President's position for 2002. He was also an active member of Jefferson County Magistrates Board, serving in several leadership positions.

John enjoyed boating the St. Lawrence River, NASCAR, traveling and marrying couples as part of his magistrates duties. He also enjoyed golf and his part time courier job for Citizens First Bank after moving to Florida.

Survivors include: Wife Frances (Shortsleeve , Garza) Cox

Two Step Children, Casey E Garza, Brooklyn

Andrew J Garza, Watertown NY

Two nieces Heather Trombley Drewry, Seaford Va.

Kim Shields Schelling, Loomis, Ca

Great nieces and nephews

He was predeceased by: Father John Pierce Cox

Mother Myrtle Getman Cox

Sister Carolyn Cox, Trombley, Shields

Niece, Lisa Trombley Escott,

There are no funeral plans at this time. A celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to your favorite charity.

Services

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## Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Hi Fran, It's with sadness and relief that we here received the news of Jack's passing....he had touched so many of us here as a justice and a friend. I feel particularly fortunate that we hit it off that day in July of 1995 when I approached him for a release for a woman he had put bail on. My intent was to get her into a substance abuse program.....Jack was sure of that an hour later after firing question after question at me about my plan. Public safety was always paramount for him. I loved working with him, listening and learning from him, supporting his causes. Thank you for being there for him in his worst time of need. Please notify me of any future plan for a service here in the north and whenever you are back visiting. Bob

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**Bob Spry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Fran, Words somehow seem inadequate to help you in your grief. May Jack's memories be a source of comfort during this difficult time.

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**Ed and Carol Brown** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Fran - I'm so sorry to hear about John. He was always very special to me. I have missed the fact that he won't be calling on my birthday any more. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Melba Jean

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**Mela Jean Ellingsworth** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Fran, we are shocked and saddened to learn of Jack's death. on a whim I googled him to see if you both were still in The Villages. Instead, Jack's obituary came up. I felt bad that we had lost touch in recent years. We send condolences to you and your family and remember fondly the good times we spent with you both several years ago at your Villages home. your former Tennis Island neighbors, Kathy and Phil

Kathleen and Phil Pond - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ we just learned of Jack's death this week. Although we had lost touch in recent years we thought of you often and remembered with fondness the time we visited you both at your first home in The Villages. We thought we would one day have the time to stop by to pay a short visit again. We are both so sorry, Fran. appantly

Kathy and Phil Pond - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Oh, Frannie, we are so saddened to hear of Jack's death. He was such a good friend all those many years ago at Poor Richard's and even chauffeured us in his big and flashy red car on our wedding day. Please know that you are in our thoughts. With sincere sympathy, Tommy and Sue

Tom and Sue Hunt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Fran, I am so sorry for your loss. I saw this in the Watertown news. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Cindy Perkins 3206 Whiteoak Cir, SE Smyrna, Ga 30082

Cindy (Parker) Perkins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Family of Jphn Cox, My condolences go out to your family. I knew John for many years at my work at Kaman Bearing always had many talks with John at our counter over the years. I much repected John's business character through the years. Hopeful your memories will help the family be strong through this most difficult time. Sincerely yours, Terry L. Blodgett Box 443 Rodman, NY 13682

Terry Blodgett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Still remember all the laughs I shared with you and Paul and Poor Richards. You were a good man, and I will always remember you. May you rest in peace..

KIM - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Fran, So sorry to hear about your loss

Sue (Jeffers) Miller - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Fran, so sorry to hear of Jack's passing

David and Paula Chamberlain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Fran, We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I am sure he has found peace after all the suffering. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Chris & John Bedard

Chris & John Bedard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Fran, So sorry to hear of John's passing. As former neighbors on Wellesley Island, we enjoyed John's friendship and missed you both since your move to the Villages. John will be sincerely missed by all who knew him. Please accept our sincere condolences, prayers, and best wishes, for peace and comfort. Jim & Barb

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**JimRizzo & Barbara Gaetano** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My condolences to family and close friends, I am sorry to hear about your loss. Judge Cox was a great person and we communicated several times over the years. I remember going to the house on Route 3 to drop off documents for his signature . He was always well informed, but was not afraid to ask questions if he was unsure about something. I always though he was one of the better Justice Court judges in the area.

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**Martin J. Morrison Jefferson County Probation** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To Fran and family, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of a great man. We fondly remember you all and wish you all the best.

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**Morrison's Furniture** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Fran I was so sorry to receive your e mail about Jack. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. As I said yeterday if you need anything let me know.

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**Beth Cheever** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ FRAN,I am so sorry to hear about Jack. He was a good friend. He was our Best Man when Lynn and I got married 43 years ago.

Tom Costanzo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Fran, so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We do share many, many fond memories of the days at Ted and Claire's in Black River. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karl and Sarala Vebber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing, our condolences to his family.

Raymond Oshier & Daughter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Fran I never had the pleasure to meet you, but I have known John for MANY years. I became a Town Justice in 1981, and John was a great help getting me to understand the position of Judge. He was a Friend,mentor, and all around great guy!!!! He will be sadly missed. I guess Jesus needed him to help keep peace in Heaven although he was way to young to go. May God Bless you . Mary

Mary Amyot - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Fran, My condolence to you on the passing of Jack. I remember great times we had back here in Watertown. He is now resting and at pease.

Tim Kelly - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Hi Fran, I am so sad for you. There is never a good time to say goodbye to our family, but this is much too early. You ae in my prayers. Tom

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**Tom Swartz** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Fran, my prayers for you and John's family on his passing. He was a neighbor and a friend for a long time when I worked at Black River Medical Center as office manager. Lot of time has passed and you moved to Florida. If you ever get time please feel free to email me would love to hear from you. I am court clerk now and I know all the Magistrates and Court Clerks in our County and across the state will be in touch to share their sympathies. Again prayers are with you.

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**Midge Cleland** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I'm so sorry to hear about "uncle Jack". He truly was one of my favorite people growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Heather Butler Lupia** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Fran, we are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We knew he had been sick. Wish you could have had more years together. You made a good couple and I'm glad you found each other. Don't know your address, but you can e-mail me if there's anything I can do for you. Love, Kathleen and Mike

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**Kathleen Hammond Maurer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Fran and family, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Jack. We were both elected as a Town Justice in 1978 and attended Justice schools together. We maintained a close friendship and worked well together as neighbors. I knew Jack as a fair and firm Judge and know he very much enjoyed his time "on the bench" He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace

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**David L. Bonney Former Town Justice Town ofPamelia** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. We worked together for many years in Jefferson County. I was the ADA for the Town of LeRay Court. He was very much loved by all of those who worked with him at the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. He will be greatly missed.

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**Kristyna Mills** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sincerest Condolences and Best Wishes to all of Jack's Family and Friends. I worked with him at General Crushed Stone back in the 1970's. He was a dedicated employee and always a Gentleman.

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**Ben Gardiner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ John Cox

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KP

“ apparently he was ill. I had no idea. I would have sent a note or called. I am so sorry. we thought very highly of Jack. Be well, Fran.  
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**Kathy and Phil Pond** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM