

BUDDY COX

Men's Veteran Service – 2000



7/24/1938 – 5/5/2023

Born July 24, 1938 in Yukon, Oklahoma, Buddy has been in the Oklahoma City area all his life and been a sanctioned bowler for 45 years. In Buddy's words here is how he fell in love with bowling: I started in bowling by setting pins at the Capitol Sports Center in 1952 at the age of 14. I started bowling that year and joined a league the following year and have been a sanctioned league bowler since 1953. I have carried 190 or better over 35 years with my high average of 202. My high game is 299 & high series is 746. I became a member of the Mersfelder 700 Club in 1957 & won the 700 Tournament in 1958 & was runner-up in 1959 & 1962. I was a member of the City Tournament Team Champions in 1958 & runner-up in the State Doubles in 1957. I worked in a bowling center for several years starting with setting pins, lane man, desk man and manager at Capitol Sports Center and Holiday Lanes. I have been a league organizer, youth league promoter and bowling instructor. I have served as team captain, and every league office from Sgt-of-Arms to league President. My league honors include high game, high series and high average, some several times. Personal accomplishments – I am a retired postal employee & have been married to my wife Jean for 38 years. We have 3 children & 5 grandchildren.

OBITUARY

James T “Buddy” Cox, age 84 of Oklahoma City, passed away suddenly May 5th, 2023. He was born July 24, 1938 in Yukon, OK to Jerome T Cox and Francis Hamilton Cox.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, son Richard, sister Lorraine, brothers Earl, Gene, Johnny and Tony.

He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Billie Jean Berry and husband Tommy, son James T “Jimmy” Cox Jr. and wife Pam, brother Glenn Cox and wife Pat and sister Patsy Livingston, as well as 5 grandchildren: Jennifer, Pamela, Jessica, Haylie and Caleb, all of which got a trip to Branson with Mama and Papa. They then went on to provide them with 14 great grandchildren. He was loved and will be missed by numerous nieces and nephews and a dear friend from the age of 12, Wayne Hestand.

Buddy married the love of his life, Jean, on August 17, 1960, the same day she found out his given name wasn't Buddy. They raised three children together and shared a loving marriage for nearly 63 wonderful years.

At age 14 Buddy got a job setting pins at Capitol Sports Center and joined a league that same year, thus beginning his life-long love of bowling. Over the years he held just about every league position and league honor and was inducted to Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame United States Bowling Congress in 2000. He also had a high game of 299, just like him...nearly perfect.

After working as manager at Capitol Sports Center and Holiday Lanes, Buddy went on to work for the USPS as a letter carrier where he formed many friendships before retiring in 1998 and still kept in touch with many of his fellow carriers.

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