



Erwin A. Cox

October 10, 1946 - November 18, 2021

Erwin Cox, 75, of Kearney died Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel will officiate and burial with military honors will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, November 22, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Memorials are suggested the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.), or St. James Catholic Church.

Erwin Anton Cox was born October 10, 1946 in Ansley, Nebraska to Kenneth and Lucille (Knajdl) Cox. He grew up in Mason City, Nebraska and attended Mason City Public Schools from kindergarten through high school graduation in 1964. He was drafted into the Army in 1965 and served in Vietnam as an Intelligence Analyst. He was awarded a bronze star for meritorious service. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

He met Wanda Rasmussen in July of 1968 and they were married November 15, 1969 at St. Gabriel’s church in Hazard, Nebraska. They settled in Kearney, Nebraska and were blessed with three children, Anthony John, Melissa Rae, and Todd Andrew. He worked for West Company and returned to college at Kearney State College graduating with a degree in Business with emphasis in accounting. He was employed by Midland Co-op until retiring in November of 2016. He was a member of American Legion Post 52 and served on the

Kearney Legion Baseball Board.

He enjoyed sports, especially those that his children and grandchildren participated in. In his youth he played basketball and baseball. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards and dancing, especially the polka.

His is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Kearney; sons, Anthony (Tony) and wife Angie of Lincoln, NE, Todd and wife Melissa of Norman, OK; daughter, Melissa and husband Tom Ruff of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren, Ashlyn, Dylan, and Lauryn Cox of Lincoln, NE, Violet Cox of Norman, OK, Tyler and Molly Ruff of Lincoln, NE; brothers, Kenneth (Sheryl) Cox of Stamford, NE, Michael (Kathe) Cox of Kearney; sisters-in-law, Patricia Bridges of Elkhorn, NE, and Karen Rasmussen of Bloomington, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Lucille Cox; parents-in-law Walter and Adeline Rasmussen; brothers-in-law Gary Bridges and David Rasmussen; grandparents Anton and Josie Knajdl and Wesley and Nora Harris.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Erwin A. Cox*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Erv was a great young person. I always appreciated him in school. Sorry for your loss.*
Eileen Bramer

Eileen Bramer - November 27, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the passing of Erwin. We have known Erwin since High School days & he was always a fun, nice guy. Our prayers & sympathy to Wanda & family.*

Lyle & Kay Schall - November 23, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *What a great guy!! Erv meant so much to the farmers and employees at the Coop in Axtell. He was a friend to everyone and always had a nice word to say and would go out of his way to make sure everyone was doing fine. He would beam whenever he spoke of his family, kids and grandkids, they were his life!! I always enjoyed his company and was honored to call him a friend!! My deepest sympathy to your family!!*

Dan Olson

Dan Olson - November 23, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.



November 22, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.



November 22, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Erwin, aka Erv was one of my cousins ... I would say older cousins, but they're all older as I'm the baby of my generation. I used to get to see him about once every three years when my family would travel from Oregon to Nebraska. As an adult I used to go back every few years until about the last decade or so. I know that he suffered from this wicked lung disease. I'm praising God that now he's in heaven and free from all illness and pain and infirmity. He no longer has to struggle to take a breath. He can breathe freely and has no pain and no sorrow. Of course his family and loved ones miss him and will grieve during the time of separation, but they can have the hope of being reunited One Day in heaven if they to believe in God. All my love to the family. I always was very proud of her one for serving in Vietnam or during our Vietnam war. I appreciated the posts he would put on Facebook to honor our veterans. May we all do our best to honor our veterans on behalf of the man we loved. All my love to the family. Sorry I can't be there.

Lynne Cox - November 20, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



November 20, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



November 20, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Theresa Vern, Dan & Barb Rasmussen, Les and Susan Schooly & Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



Theresa Vern, Dan & Barb Rasmussen, Les and Susan Schooly & Families - November 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



November 20, 2021 at 08:21 AM

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“ sorryto hear about erwin passing we had good times together we played base ball together what good times that was i'm grandson of mrs effie gill we were scouts together i now live in indinapolis In i will keep you in my prayers god bless you and your family i'm Dennis Daddow I SPENT A LONG TIME IN THE SERVICE 28 YRS GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS

DENNIS DADDOW - November 19, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.



November 19, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.



November 19, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LB

“ Love Belinda Bridges purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Erwin A. Cox.



Love Belinda Bridges - November 19, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



November 19, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Patsy purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



Patsy - November 19, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erwin A. Cox.*



November 19, 2021 at 09:31 AM