



Rev. Frederick E. Cox

April 14, 1942 - May 26, 2008

RICHMOND, Ind. – Rev. Frederick E. Cox, age 66, of Richmond, died Monday, May 26, 2008, at Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. Born April 14, 1942, in Seymour, Ind., to Aaron E. and Olive C. Becker Cox, he lived in the area since 1978. Fred was a 1960 graduate of Seymour Senior High School and earned a Bachelors of Music Education Degree from Indiana University in 1965, Master of Music Degree from Michigan State in 1971, and Master of Divinity Degree from United Theological Seminary of Dayton in 1981. He was a teacher and band director for Jasper School Corporation from 1965–1967, Grand Rapids Michigan School Corporation from 1967–1969, and Jac-Cen-Del School Corporation from 1973–1978. Fred served the following churches: 1978–1981 Lewisville/Dublin United Methodist Church, 1981–1986 Associate Minister of Central United Methodist Church in Richmond, 1986–1990 Associate Minister of First United Methodist Church in New Castle, 1990–2000 Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church in Liberty, and 2000–2003 First United Methodist Church in Hagerstown. Fred was an Elder of the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church; 33rd Degree Mason of Line Lodge of Jasper, Indiana; Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite; Study Buddy at Charles Elementary School; and volunteer at Reid Hospital. He attended Central United Methodist Church and was a member of the Chancel Choir and Wesley Ringers. He was a big sports fan and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Sandra L. Wernimont Cox to whom he was married June 25, 1966; sons, Philip Cox and

his wife Lisa of Liberty, Matthew Cox and his wife Nikki of Liberty, and Mark Cox and his wife Kenyatta of Richmond; five grandchildren, Emma and Sara Cox of Liberty, Gabriel and Grant Cox of Liberty, and Noa Cox of Richmond; sister, Maureen Burns and her husband Steve of Greensboro, North Carolina; niece; nephew; cousins; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation for Rev. Frederick E. Cox will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Central United Methodist Church, 1425 East Main Street, Richmond with a Masonic Memorial Service at 3:30 p.m. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the church with Rev. Phil Dorrell, Rev. Scott Bell, and Rev. Eldon Harzman officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery. Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road W., Richmond is in charge of arrangements. Memorial Contributions may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 1425 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374 or the Clarian Transplant at IU, c/o Emergency Transplant Fund, 550 North University Blvd., Suite 4258, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Mark, Kenyatta and Noa, Fred had a beautiful spirit - he will be missed.*

Karen Chasteen - June 01, 2008 at 05:49 PM

CM

“ *Sandy and family, We were saddened to learn about Fred's passing. We have such fond memories of you all while you were part of our church family here in Osgood. Our prayers are with you during this time. Carl and Janet Moore*

Carl and Janet Moore - May 30, 2008 at 10:00 PM

PW

“ *Mrs. Cox, Sorry to hear about the passing of your husband Rev. Cox. He was so nice to my parents who lived in Richmond and officiated at my fathers' service in 1986 and my mothers' service in 2006. He always would visit with her and he was the only pastor that she would communicate with. Again my condolences.*

Pat Wisehart - May 30, 2008 at 06:59 PM

RB

“ *My most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. I remember attending the Methodist church in Liberty and looking forward to his calling the children up and speaking directly to them during his service. He took the time to speak with me a couple of times when I was going through some tough personal issues and I will always be grateful for his kindness. Respectfully, Roger Bowling*

Roger Bowling - May 30, 2008 at 04:54 PM

MF

“ At a young age, the two of you really touched my heart and helped me truly find God. I loved singing in the choir with both of you, and I know that Mr. Cox made a huge impact on my father. My prayers are with your family.

Melissa Fienning - May 30, 2008 at 03:00 PM

AE

“ Dear Sandi, Wayne and I both shed some tears on hearing of Freds passing. What a beautiful, kind man. There are very few people that one can look at and immediately know they are gentle spirit of God. Fred has that and sits with God watching over you. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Amy Eilar-Fisher - May 30, 2008 at 01:48 PM

KP

“ Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. Fred will be greatly missed by our family. He touched our lives with his deep faith and kindness. It was an honor to know him.

Kevin & Anya Pinkerton - May 30, 2008 at 01:02 PM

CS

“ Matt-I just wanted to tell you that you are in my prayers. I lost dad a year ago so i know it will be a tough road ahead of you. Hang in there. Take care.

CHERI SHORTRIDGE - May 30, 2008 at 11:51 AM

GK

“ Dear Sandi and family, We send prayers and much love to the Cox family, of whom we have many fond memories. Gail and George and all the rest of the Kiracofes

Gail Kiracofe - May 29, 2008 at 04:49 PM

TF

“ Sandi, Phil, Matt, Mark and family....As this is written, Fred's funeral service is now over. We learned of Fred's passing too late to attend and personally hug you. Please know that Fred made such an impact on ALL of us. It was always an honor to work with him and you, Sandi, doing the Church music needs. To say he left on imprint on our hearts would be an understatement. Please know that you have our sincerest, consoling wishes and know that Fred is now at peace and served God well.

Terry and Brenda Abernathy and family - May 29, 2008 at 02:32 PM

JK

“ Our deepest condolences in your loss. Rev. Cox united us in marriage at Central United Methodist on 11/17/84. He was a wonderfully kind, and compassionate man. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Jim and Donita Keidel - May 29, 2008 at 11:05 AM

DP

“ All my best to the entire family. My thoughts will be with you now in the days to come. Andy Payne

Deputy Andrew J payne - May 28, 2008 at 11:39 PM

SM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Fred's passing but now he is without pain. We will always remember many years ago attending the Liberty Methodist Church where we were so impressed with the outpouring of love. Fred was always so gracious and always had a smile on his face. I will always remember the support that you and Fred gave me during and after my surgery in 1999. Stephanie and Dick Moore

Stephanie and Dick Moore - May 28, 2008 at 09:05 PM

MB

“ *Matt and Cox's Family, We were so saddened to read of your dad's passing our thoughts and prayers are with you all! We know that he is with his heavenly father and at peace. We think of you often Matt, and hope you and your family are well The Bowers.*

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bowers - May 28, 2008 at 07:54 PM

DN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. May the Lord shine down upon you all with open arms.*

Dale & Patty Burns, Holden Beach, NC - May 28, 2008 at 07:37 PM

SF

“ *Sandy, I just wanted to let you and the boys know how sorry I am to here of Fred's passing. He brought me great faith and comfort when I was sick and also when Mom was sick. He truly cared about other people. He will be greatly missed by many people. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless each one of you. Susan Frasur*

Susan Frasur - May 28, 2008 at 06:08 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Fred. I always enjoyed the time spent with him during his time in Liberty. He was a community contributor both in the Optimist Club where I knew him best, and in other activities. He has my upmost respect for a life well lived and the legacy left behind. I was honored to have know him.*

Carol and Wendell Bias - May 28, 2008 at 05:01 PM

JE

“ To Mark and family, We want to express how sorry we are for your loss. I could hear the heartbreak in Marks voice when he called and we know so well how there are no words to comfort you at this time. We just want you to know that we care and much more important is that God cares! May He bless your family. Judy and Bob Evans

Judy and Bob Evans - May 28, 2008 at 04:46 PM

JF

“ Matt, Nikki and family; So sorry to hear of your loss. Even though your heart is heavy, may it be lightened knowing your Dad is no longer in pain and that he has met his maker. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry & Dee Dee McCoy and family - May 28, 2008 at 04:02 PM

JL

“ Beloved, We plan to be with you at the services on Thursday. Our thoughts and prayers are already there from our hearts to yours. Ralph has three medical appointments today so we will not be with you in person for the calling, but count on us to be right there in spirit. Sunday I was reminded as we sang in worship of how much the words of the third verse of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" mean, "Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth-Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide-Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. The sun shine and the Son shines to remind us of those blessing abundant, especially during the pain and sadness of loss. Our love to you always. Ralph, Joan ad Family

Joan and Ralph Lafuze - May 28, 2008 at 01:44 PM

TD

“*Phil, Matt, and Mark, Darin and I are so sorry to hear about your father. He was a sweet man and he left such a postive mark on so many people. Our thoughts are with you.*

Tonya and Darin Dearth - May 28, 2008 at 12:49 PM

HB

“*Rev Cox was very special to our family in many ways and we will always remember him and keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Hank & Heather Brock - May 28, 2008 at 12:14 PM

TD

“*I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

Tammy R. Davis - May 28, 2008 at 11:37 AM

JF

“*Sandy, Phil, Matt, Mark and Family: Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. We are deeply sadden to hear about the loss of Fred. Not only was he our pastor but our friend. He touched us spiritually. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him. We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death, they continue to be with us everyday in our thoughts and memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.*

JANET WRIGHT, LOREE PERSINGER & FAMILY - May 28, 2008 at 11:14 AM

DA

“*REV. COX WAS ONE OF OUR FAMILIES FAVORITE PEOPLE. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES HE HAD TOUCHED. WE FELT VERY BLESSED THAT HE NOT ONLY MARRIED US BUT WAS ABLE TO BATIZE ALL THREE OF THE KIDS. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL OF YOU.*

DOUG,SHAWNA,EMMA,ANNALEA,&DALTON ADAMS - May 28, 2008 at 07:56 AM

ED

“*Sandy and Family - We extend our sympathy and prayers to you at this time of your loss. Fred was so kind to Eds father and always lived what he preached. His abilities with music will long be remembered also. God has received a great servant in Fred. Our Love and Prayers go with you.*

Ed and Audrey Dodson - May 28, 2008 at 07:51 AM

AT

“*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I think he ws a great man to know and the town of Liberty will miss him dearly to. My heart and would go out to Matt and Mark to.*

Austin Thomas - May 27, 2008 at 11:26 PM

KB

“*The Angelic Choir is certainly stronger and sweeter with the music of Fred Cox. Sandy, Phil, Matt and MarK...(and families) I extend my deepest heartfelt condolences to each of you, and celebrate in the promise of Eternity that Fred so eloquently shared from the pulpit of EMUMC. I am truly blessed by memories of messages transmitted by the Lord through Fred. Please call on me for anything you might need. May God continue to surround you with His presence.*

Karla Barnhizer - May 27, 2008 at 10:54 PM

JM

“ Thinking of the family in this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Matthew 5:4

Julie (Pitcher) Marcum - May 27, 2008 at 08:21 PM

AP

“ Matt and Mark, Our Prayers Are With You. Marsha Pierce, Laura Wilson, Alicia Pitcher, Julie Marcum, Andy Pitcher JR

alicia pitcher - May 27, 2008 at 08:06 PM

KM

“ We are so sad to hear of Fred's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Fred was a wonderful man, pastor and mentor. Our hearts go out to you all.

Karl and Erika (Davis) Moffett - May 27, 2008 at 07:55 PM

DJ

“ Fred has been a guiding light to our family.. we have so many fond memories. we will miss him dearly. our sympathy goes out to his family.

darrell & mary jackson - May 27, 2008 at 07:22 PM

MB

“ To Sandy, Matt and all the family: Sandy and I are very sad to hear of Fred's passing. He was an exemplary man and clearly understood the meaning of living with Christ. We will surely miss him. May God watch over all of you and your families.

Mike and Sandy Blackwell - May 27, 2008 at 06:57 PM

CD

“ Sandi, Phil, Matt and Mark, I'm sorry we could not come up, but I wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you all!! I have many great memories growing up and am very saddened that things have turned out the way that they did. I know that there is one big happy family reunion going on in heaven right now and that Fred is finally at peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Love to you all,
Caroline

Caroline Drake - May 27, 2008 at 06:01 PM

RG

“ Sandi and family, what an honor it was to know and work with Fred in the Ministerial Association in Liberty! He was a man of integrity, grace and humor and was an inspiration to me. His gentle spirit will always be remembered; he was one of God's finest servants. Please know that the Liberty community grieves with you, and we hold you all close in prayer. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the services - I will be officiating another funeral the same time. But you will certainly be in my thoughts on Wednesday and Thursday and beyond. God's gentle peace to you all.

Rev. Dawn A. Gold - May 27, 2008 at 05:49 PM

CA

“ Sandy& family, So sorry to read of Fred's death. I had seen him at the hospital elevator but, had no idea he was ill. He is in a better place now. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Cheryl

Cheryl Haskett Arnold - May 27, 2008 at 05:14 PM

LG

“ Sandy and family, It has been many years but we remember You and Fred with love. May God confort you during this difficult time.
Lois and Bill Gillespie

Lois and Bill Gillespie - May 27, 2008 at 03:56 PM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I hope you take comfort in knowing that the heavenly choir has just added a new voice.*

Shelley Dodson - May 27, 2008 at 03:23 PM

BH

“ *Sandi, Phil, Matt and Mark and family: I am so sorry to hear about Fred. Our deepest sympathies go to all of you. I spent alot of time with Fred when Tammy and Matt were growing up and he certainly was a good person. I know there is nothing to say that can ease the pain of your loss; I hope you can find some comfort in knowing he left a positive mark on the lives of many people. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless You. Bill & Sue Hoskins and family*

Bill & Sue Hoskins - May 27, 2008 at 02:52 PM

PC

“ *Matt and Nikki: We are so sorry about your loss, but know that you are comforted by the fact that your dad is no longer suffering. May you also be comforted in knowing that many people love you and have you wrapped in their prayers.*

Phil and Melissa Dunnington, Jacob and Chelsea - May 27, 2008 at 01:32 PM

EC

“ *Maureen, I was saddened to hear of your brother's death. But... no more suffering... no more pain - he rests in the arms of God now. Please know that your friends and church family back in Greensboro are praying for you now. Love, your friend and choir kid, Eddie*

Eddie Clark - May 27, 2008 at 01:09 PM

AD

“ To Sandy and Family: My deepest condolences on the loss of your husband, Dad, Grandpa, brother, best friend, partner, and above all, such a servant of God. We all loved Rev. Cox, as his heart was so compassionate for all. He will be sadly missed, but I look forward to the day when I can see him again face to face at the finish line when I, too, have finished my race here on earth. May God comfort you all at this time, knowing that he is once again whole and not suffering on this earth any longer. Our love to you all...

Anita Decker - May 27, 2008 at 12:47 PM

JS

“ Dear Matt and Nikki and Family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I only met him a few times, but it was easy to see he has a heart of gold. I know he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Phil and Josie Seybold

Josie and Phil Seybold - May 27, 2008 at 12:14 PM

KP

“ Out thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We know that God will guide you through and give you peace, if we trust in him. God be with you.

Keith & Donna Pohlar - May 27, 2008 at 11:56 AM

EH

“ I am so glad that I was fortunate enough to know Fred. He was a great pastor and a great man; he could always make me laugh. I know his family and all those whose lives that he touched will miss him dearly, but we know that he is always with us now. Fred made such an impact on so many people that he will always be remembered fondly. I know that my parents (Jim & Connie Hensley) think the world of the Cox family and are grateful for all they have done and continue to do for others. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Erica Hensley - May 27, 2008 at 11:37 AM

KB

“ Dear Sandy and family, So sorry to hear of Fred's passing but we know that our God is gracious and will sustain us through our grief. May His presence be with you now and in the days ahead. I cherish a pair of fish earrings Fred got for me on a God's Nightcrawler trip many, many years ago when he was my secret prayer partner. I wear them often and think of him and wil continue to do so. In His Love, karen

Karen Parks Bunch - May 27, 2008 at 11:13 AM

EM

“ Matt, My deepest and sincere sympathy in the loss of your father. I will remember you and your family in my prayers. May God continue to bless and keep you in his loving care. Christian Love Ellen Mabry

Ellen Mabry - May 27, 2008 at 09:44 AM

CC

“ Our thought and prayers are with you . My Grandmother thought the world of rev. Cox. She was a member of the Edwards church in Liberty. Freda Corrington.

Cheryl Pierce (Freda Corrington) - May 27, 2008 at 09:30 AM

TV

“ Dear Mrs. Cox , I was Honored to Have You as my Choir Teacher at Dennis and it Is with a Heavy heart that I send a Prayer to your Family and KNow that You all are in My Thoughts and Prayers Through this DiffCult Time .. May God Bless you and Know that Others Care and Are Here For you With Gods love TRAVIS

Travis Vincent - May 27, 2008 at 09:16 AM

LD

“ Matt & Nikki Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Brian & Lina Drew

Lina Drew - May 27, 2008 at 09:06 AM

MR

“ With deepest sympahty. Fred will be missed.

mark and jeanette rosenberger - May 27, 2008 at 08:35 AM

LK

“ Fred was such a wonderful man. I'm glad I had the privilege of knowing him. My heart goes out to you in your time of loss. May God bless you and hold you close in His loving arms during this very difficult time.

Lisa G. King - May 27, 2008 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ Sandy and family; We are so sorry for your loss. Please be assured we are keeping you in our prayers. Mindy and Joe Smith Hagerstown

Joe & Mindy Smith - May 27, 2008 at 08:01 AM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

David Lydick and the staff of Doan & Mills Funeral Home - May 26, 2008 at 05:49 PM