



## Willard McNeil Cox

August 10, 1929 - December 23, 2017

Willard McNeil Cox, age 88 of Searcy, Arkansas, formerly of Florence, Alabama, died Saturday, December 23, 2017 in Searcy. He was born August 10, 1929 in Florence to Willard Chester Cox and Lillian Thigpen Cox. He was a minister for the Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Yvonne Cox of Searcy; four sons, Ronald Cox and wife Beth of Sylva, North Carolina, Donald Cox and wife Elba of West Linn, Oregon, Gerald Cox and wife Marcy of Searcy, Curtis Cox and wife Jeanie of Big Cabin, Oklahoma; one daughter, Sharon Smith and husband Webster of Newark, Arkansas; ten grandchildren, Jesse, Samuel, Alethea, Andrew, Sophia, Evan, Eric, Carissa, KaCee, Nona; and seven great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Mary Gray Cox; two brothers, Charles Cox, Cecil Cox; and one sister, Frances Simpson. Visitation is Wednesday from 1:00 until 2:00pm at Powell Funeral Home Chapel with funeral services to follow at 2:00pm at Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Greenview Memorial Park in Florence, Alabama. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Thank you all for your nice comments. It was hard to read these at first, and now, nearly five years later, I can read them. I wish I had read all of these at the time of Daddy's death. Love you all, Sharon

Sharon Smith - June 27, 2022 at 01:06 PM

KH

“ I've only now learned of Brother Willard's passing from former fellow-students at the Oklahoma School of Biblical Studies at the Barnes congregation in Oklahoma City. I was so blessed to have learned from and studied with such a dear and kind person and such a faithful and knowledgeable teacher. My sympathies to his family and friends.

Kevin Hubble

Kevin Hubble - January 11, 2018 at 10:02 PM

GE

Thank you, Kevin. Working with the OSBS at Barnes was one of the highlights in Daddy's life. He enjoyed the students and fellow teachers there.

Gerald - February 22, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.



December 27, 2017 at 01:29 AM

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“ Willard was my 1st Brother-in-law, and a great example from the time I first knew him to the end!!! He was the love of my sister's life, her life-line, her forever best friend!!! She will be lost without him, but comforted in the knowledge that he is in the arms of his Savior and God!!! Willard left a great example for his family, and his many friends (for he had MANY) to follow!!! Rest in Peace, sweet Willard!!! You will be forever loved cherished and respected!!! <3 <3 <3

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**Ouita Northcutt** - December 26, 2017 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ James, Brooke and Weston Sutton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.



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**James, Brooke and Weston Sutton** - December 26, 2017 at 08:59 PM

LF

“ Lee & Nora Myers and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.



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**Lee & Nora Myers and Family** - December 26, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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December 26, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jeff and Margo Grimes purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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**Jeff and Margo Grimes** - December 26, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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December 25, 2017 at 08:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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December 25, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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December 24, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers going out to you and your family.*  
*Teri Sapienza Bolduc*

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**Teri Sapienza Bolduc** - December 24, 2017 at 06:42 PM



*Thank you, Teri. We'd love to visit with you more.*

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**Gerald** - February 22, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *Gerald and family, we are sorry for your loss. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Amelia Brister** - December 24, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Willard McNeil Cox.*



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December 24, 2017 at 08:06 AM

KW

“ I know you all will miss him but I can also see in my mind him singing with all the angels.  
I remember him as being the most humble man I ever knew with a great sense of humor.  
Love to your family. Kay Wiseman

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**Kay Wiseman** - December 23, 2017 at 08:40 PM

SB

So sorry to hear of the death of Willard. Prayers go out to all of you. I am one of the nieces of Uncle Chester and Aunt Mary Cox, on the Gray side.  
Sue Gray Bevis, Florence, AL

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**Sue Gray Bevis** - December 24, 2017 at 04:22 PM

GE

Thank you for your, Sue. Daddy loved his Gray relatives. He had many special memories of all of them and loved to recall those memories.

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**Gerald** - February 22, 2018 at 11:39 AM

GE

Thank you, Kay. Yes, Daddy loved to sing. He looked forward to singing through eternity. Thank you for your comments about his humility and sense of humor. He loved singing with Pudd and others and Mother still talks about those times.

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**Gerald** - February 22, 2018 at 11:42 AM