



## Robert N. Cox

August 11, 2012

Robert N. Cox, 68, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Saturday, August 11, 2012 at his home. He was born July 6, 1944 in Tampa, Fla. Beloved husband of Margaret A. Cox (née Lewis), son of Dorothy Cox and the late Wilbur S. Cox, brother of Sue Hertlein, brother-in law of Ralph Hertlein, Dr. Wayne and Linda Lewis, and John and Barbara Lewis, cousin of Judy Parker and Janice Erickson, uncle and great-uncle, great friend and mentor to many fraternity brothers. Robert was Treasurer Emeritus of the American Red Cross, past regional president, chapter advisor, currently member of national audit committee of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, member of Choral Union of SEMO for 20 years, past president and member of SEMO University Foundation Board, and member of Centenary United Methodist Church. Robert never met a stranger and always had a smile and a joke for everyone. His nickname of "JB" for jolly Bob (given to him by his fraternity brothers years ago), certainly fit his personality. He was a prominent businessman for over 35 years as the owner of his accounting firm, Cox and Associates. He has been honored by the Red Cross and Pi Kappa Alpha for his years of dedication and contributions of outstanding efforts. Robert achieved one of the most distinguished records in the Fraternity having served as a Regional President for over 20 years, on the Foundation's audit committee, and was the recipient of the Fraternity's Chapter Advisor of the Year Award in 1984, Loyalty Award in 2002, and Order of West Range in 2010 as well as countless other awards and recognition. Robert always had a song in his heart and

loved to sing. He and Margaret were very active in their choral group. He will also be greatly missed by his precious dogs, Bailey, Mitzen and Maggie. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Tom Bass and Rev. David Conley officiating. Burial will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson, Mo. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ Bob and I were friends at Jennings High School and we were missing seeing him at our recent 50th class reunion. Would have liked to talk with him again. Know he will be missed at home and in the community. Nancy

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**Nancy Blodgett Brower** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Margaret you are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. I will always remeber Robert he was always so friendly, encouraging, and truly a genuine friend.

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**Laurie Ferretti** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Dear Margaret, Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I met Bob in Jennings when we were in our teens. We renewed our relationship at SEMO and I was honored that he asked me to be his PiKA Pledge Father. When he became an active, I presented him with his cane. Bob was in my wedding party in 1966 and I hope to be able to look up some of those photos and share them with you. Although we didn't see much of one another over the years, we had phone conversations and emails that were fun and engaging. Bob always referred to me as "Dad" and I responded by calling him "Son". Of course, we were also "Brothers in the bonds" but the father/son relationship was just for us! I was amazed over the years since SEMO how many times I saw Bob's name in the fraternity magazine and elsewhere. He was dedicated to serving PiKA and its members. This is a tremendous salute to a wonderfully generous man. Bob and I were going to meet at the July 2012 PiKA Convention here in Denver. I was at a loss when he wrote a few weeks before it's start that this would be the first PiKA convention he would not attend in 36 years. Bob's final words to me were "my heart longs to see you." How can I ever forget that and how can I forget my pledge son, Robert Nelson Cox? He has a special place in my heart. Thanks, Bob!!! God Bless Margaret and the Cox family!  
Fred

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Fred Kohler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

G(

“ George and I were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Mother and Daddy were always so impressed by Bob. His zest for life and giving nature along with his many talents drew so many friends to him. Our prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

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George and Gloria Hassemer (Palsgrove) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Bob was a great guy and mentor to me and all the Pikes who activated while he was chapter advisor. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten!

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**Devon Young** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. He was such a sweet and kind man. I so enjoyed the little time I knew him. My heart and prayers are with you and your family Margaret.

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**Karen Cauvin Eustis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I was deeply saddened when I heard the news about Robert. He was a mentor, friend and a family away from home for many members of the Epsilon Iota chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. He did a lot for me and members of the chapter around me and none of us will forget about him! Like he did with many brothers, he always called me on my birthday and I will forever be waiting for his call again. Margret, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. We know that Robert loved life and took advantage of the time he spent with all of us. Regards, Bryan

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**Bryan Schubert** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Bob was a great person who presence in this world made it a better place for all of us. I have so many fond memories of Bob as a friend and farternity brother. With love. Bob, I know you will always be with us. Phi phi

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**Dennis Baker** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I remember Bob as far back as elementary school in Jennings. He was a good guy even back then.

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**jerrywilson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ sorry I missed the funurel.

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**gary ed Lewis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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NF

“ Margaret- My deepest sympathies on your loss. Your husband was truly an inspiration to so many people throughout his life. Please know that his legacy of love, encouragement, accountability, respect, work ethic, and brotherhood will live on well past his time on Earth. Bob- Thank you for all that you taught me and inspired me to do. We love you and will miss you friend and Brother. In the bonds-

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**Nathan Fraser** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Nathan Fraser** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Cox was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always so kind to our office, the Alumni/Advancement office at the University. The beautiful flower arrangements he never failed to send on holidays were spectacular. We loved getting them and enjoying them. Everyone that visited the office always commented on how lovely they were and what a nice gesture it was. We will miss Robert and his joyful presence. May God be with you and comfort you. Janelle McCrite Gifts Processor Southeast Missouri University Foundation

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**Janelle McCrite** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Margie, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Bob is in a good place now. What a great and unique man! He has touched and shaped so many lives. His passion for his causes goes unmatched. I will miss him. So glad that Lynn and I were able to spend time (two hours?!) with you and Bob at breakfast that morning not so long ago, catching up on things. I know you were great companions to each other. Our hearts and prayers go out to you now, Margie.

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**Rick & Lynn Nadler** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of JB. He was a beloved friend and leader of our fraternity that helped shape the character and leader in me as well as countless other Pikes. His memory shall not soon be forgotten. Margaret, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeff Danner** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Margaret, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May the memories you have bring you strength.

Cousin Jan Erikson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ Rest in peace brother Cox and prayers go out to your family and many friends. Phi Phi Kappa Alpha.

wayne angus - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Mrs Cox, My wife and I send you our heartfelt condolences of your great loss. Mr. Cox and I got to know each other better over the past few years. He was such a good-natured and jolly fellow. Whenever he saw me working in my office's parking lot, he came on his wheelchair and engaged me in lively conversation. My friends told me that Mr. Cox had divine voice. When I mentioned it to him during my last talk with him, he had a hearty laugh. I will always cherish his memory. May his soul rest in peace. Bob and Geetha Kamath

Dr. Bob Kamath - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Margaret I am so sorry to hear of Robert's death. May God be with you at this time. I didn't know Robert as well as I knew you, but I feel your loss very deeply.

Ronnie and Carole Tuschhoff - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Thanks for everything JB

Kevin D. Long - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

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**K. Jackson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Margaret and Pups, We were devastated when we heard of Robert's passing. I remember meeting him last Spring when Jim and I came in for our tax returns. He had a wonderful and quirky sense of humor and his knowledge was always an inspiration for us. We are so sorry! Sincerely, Jim and Cindy Brown

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**Jim and Cindy Brown, Brown Automotive Group** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Margie, The "Shield and Diamond" do not shine as brightly now that my Pledge Father has left us. Although I was not a dutiful pledge son by keeping in touch over the years, my wife, Pat (Patsy) and I will always have warm memories of our time together with Bob and Margie. He was a true brother to so many and did not have an unkind bone in his body. His constant hard work and brotherly help to all that traveled the Pike road is a legacy that will always be revered. He adhered without fail to the old refrain you all know: "I'm glad I'm a good Pi K A" Margie, our deepest sympathies on your loss and a loss to us all, Love, Pat and Denny Schaumann

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**Dennis and Pat Schaumann** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ JB, you were a great brother and a very dear friend. Your smile was always prominate and your hugs so big. You had a manner that was so uplifting and incredibly positive and passionate. The world was a better place with you in it and I am certainly proud to have called you a friend. Forever in the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha.

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**Brian Whitman** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Their are no words to express our saddness and loss we feel from Robert's passing. What a joy it has been to know him and spend time with him and his family. I will miss him so much EVERY Mother's Day, when I got to enjoy his wit and humor and that laugh and smile of his. YOU know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!!!!!

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**Jerry & Leona Reid** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Brother Bob hopefully was aware of the number of brothers he has affected over the years. You were and always will be the "ideal" Pike. Love ya man! Rest in Peace! Joe

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**Joe Lynch** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bob, like he was to so many he was a wonderful "big" brother. First met Bob in the fall of 1969, he taught me so much, many lessons that i have used through out my life. What great memories. Margie, thanks to you for your gentle spirit and warm hospitality. In The Bonds, Steve Baker '70

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**Jan and Steve Baker** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*Margie, Our Thoughts and Prayer are with you. We will always remember Bob with his smile and His jokes when he came into the shop. He will be missed.*

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**Mearlin and Darlene Allen** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“*My sincere sympathy goes out to the Cox family. I was sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I was a classmate of his at Jennings. I regret that I lost contact with him. He lived a very interesting life and must have touched many with his fun and loving ways. I wish that he and Margaret would have been able to attend some of the class reunions. My prayers go out to family and friends at this sad time.*  
*Kathy Maguire*

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**Kathy Drew Maguire** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*JB called me every year on my birthday. Without fail. No matter that I never thought to call him. I am so thankful that we got to chat this past June. Words cannot describe the impact this person had on my life. I was as naive as they come when I entered SEMO my freshman year. Didn't know a fraternity from a sorority. Through Robert's guidance and that of my other brothers, I was made prepared for the real world. I will be forever grateful. My family's thoughts and prayers to you, Margaret.*  
*John and Joanne Bishop*

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**John Bishop** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ How sorry I was to hear about Bob's passing. I attended Jennings beginning kindergarten through elem. and through high school. We were good friends. He was a special friend. What a fine man he was --- and will be deeply missed. My sincere sympathy to his wife Margaret. Fondly, Sue

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**Susan Cook Niebling** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ JB is a very generous man and will never be forgotten.

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**Jason and Kristie Hannum** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We celebrate Bob's active life here on earth. Margaret, we missed you & Bob at the Jennings High School Reunion. We are thankful for the great memories. Praying for you and your family's strength during this difficult time.

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**Tom & Beth Kenney** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Robert was a great man who touched many lives. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with him, Margaret, and the families.

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**Mark & Juliette Rutledge** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Margaret-Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Matthew And Barbara Hopkins** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Margie, we are so sorry for your loss...our hearts are aching for you. Bob will forever be in our hearts and fond memories. I had so much fun & laughter with you both while I was in Cape..I will always remember! Love, Rick and Nelda

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**Rick & Nelda Humphries** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ If we believe there is a Heaven, then we know that Robert is there. I will miss him terribly, but will always remember him as the ultimate story teller, a brilliant man, a generous and kind soul. I am so thankful that I was able to visit with him a few months ago - his help was so greatly appreciated. God Bless You.

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**Robin Hendrickson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ JB always finished his phone conversations with me by telling me, "Son, you will always hold a special place in my heart." Well JB, you will always hold a special place in mine. You're a great man and great friend. I am glad that we have been able to catch up on each others lives recently and I thank you for all the great advise you've given over the years. You will me missed.

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**Brian and Rebecca Hruby** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We lost a special man, one how took a life long commitment to helping others. While I know he was committed to Pi Kappa Alpha, he was also a mentor for many others including myself. As a Delta Chi adviser I count JB as my mentor and he taught me many things about what being a lifelong fraternity man is all about.

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**Bruce Skinner** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My prayers are with Bob's family. It is true that he never met a stranger. He was always kind and supportive of me, especially as a newcomer to Cape. I considered him a friend and I always looked forward to seeing him at university and civic events.

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**Dr. Loretta P. Prater** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Although I didn't know Bob well, he and his wife sat behind me in church and they never failed to have a bright smile and something kind to say. My condolences to Mrs. Cox, their family and friends. You will be in my prayers.

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**Susan Spooler** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Robert, My brother, my mentor, my friend. You have had an immeasurable influence on countless young men, including this one. Thank you for the impact you had on my life. And thank you, Margaret, for being his rock. In the Bonds,

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**Brian Shelton** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Margaret-Please know my heart and prayers are with you as you move thru this transition. I am so glad I saw you all just a bit ago and saw Bob happy, laughing and of course joking around. Please let me help you in any way I can--I really mean that. Love, Pat Murray

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**Pat Murray** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thanks! Your belief, advise, time and energy is brotherhood. Thank you for everything. I will miss you. Jim Roebuck Zeta Chi

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**Jim Roebuck** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

B8

“ Albert Schweitzer said "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." JB knew how to serve. He influenced so many lives through his fraternal service that his place above must and will be assured. We miss you Bob.

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**Brother Karl C. Ritter E.I. 81** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My Pledge Brother - Margaret Given all of this, you will never know how much the visit Linda and I had with the two of you a couple of weeks ago. We talked of how Jolly Bob was always the same. While it is hard for us to understand, we all know Heaven will be a better place because of his presents. Rest in peace Brother.

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**Jim Bollinger** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *I am sorry to hear about "JB's" passing. It was an honor to have known him and to have seen how he has been such a positive influence on so many peoples lives.*

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**Rob Younghouse** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Once a Pike, always a Pike. In the bonds, Brother Cox.*

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**Bill & Susan Cole** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM