



Gerald Everett Cox

October 28, 1932 - January 21, 2015

On January 21, 2015, after a prolonged illness, Gerald Everett Cox, 82, of Valencia and formerly of Allison Park, beloved husband of 56 years to Eleanor Josephine Cox.

Also survived by his four loving children, Sandra (William) Danley, Douglas (Patricia Golitko) Cox, Barbara (Daniel) Baird, and Gregory (Tracy) Cox; 3 sister in law's, Lois (Jim) Murray, Marilyn Stevenson, and Michele Raye; grandchildren, Stephen Danley, Ryan (Kelly) Danley, Laura Danley, Jessica (Jarod) Lynch, Kristen (Anthony Dargon) Cox, Jeffrey Wallace, Tyler Baird, Sarah Cox, Rebekah Cox, Elisabeth Cox; 2 great-grandchildren, Parker Danley & Annabelle Dargon; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Everett and Vera Horner Cox; mother-law, Iva Ganovski; sister in law, Suzanne Horkey; and two nieces.

Friends received Sunday 2-4 & 7-9 PM at Simons Funeral Home, Inc. 7720 Perry Highway.

Funeral Service will be held Monday at 1 PM in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Road, with visitation at the church from Noon until the time of service.

Gerald graduated from Hamilton High School (NJ) in 1951 and entered the Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged on September 12, 1954 as Sergeant. He served in the Marine Reserves until 1959. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1958.

He worked his entire life in the pharmacy. He began his career at 13 delivering prescriptions to customers in his neighborhood at Grove's Pharmacy. He worked as a Soda Jerk and clerk throughout high school. After discharge from the service and graduation from pharmacy school, he started filling prescriptions at Harbard's Drug Store. In 1964 he was hired as Manager of a Thrift Drug Store in Mercerville, NJ. He was proud of his store and his employees; excelled in customer service and took pride in having one of the first company stores to have \$1 Million in yearly sales. He was promoted to the corporate office in Pittsburgh in 1971 and worked in distribution for the rest of his career. He retired as Vice President of Distribution of the Thrift Drug, Co. in 1993.

Gerald was fascinated by history and worked on family genealogy for years. He loved to travel; He was an avid golfer and loved spending time with his grandkids in retirement. He attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church where he was involved in several ministries throughout the years, including lay member to the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. He was especially proud of the youth ministry of the church and served as youth advisor and Youth Advisory Board Chair for a number of years.

In lieu of flowers, families suggest memorial contributions be made in his memory to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Rd
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 367-3100
<https://www.simonsfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JAN 25. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
1965 Ferguson Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Tribute Wall



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Simons Funeral Home - January 25, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Gerald Everett Cox* .



January 24, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Gerald Everett Cox* .



January 23, 2015 at 07:52 PM

CR

“ Dear Sandy, Doug, Barbie and Greg,
Though we were separated by many miles, our friendship has not changed in these 40+ years. This "old gang" of ours is getting smaller, but our love for one another will never end. True friendship will never end.

Semper Fi

Corine and Dick Radice

Corine Radice - January 23, 2015 at 02:27 PM

BA

“ Jerry was such a wonderful man with a ready smile, handshake and greeting as we entered the open door at St. Paul's. Sympathies to all of his family.

Barbara and Galen Anderson

Barbara Anderson - January 23, 2015 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ Greg, Tracy, Girls and family,
You have my sympathy on the passing of your father. As Jesus said in his sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." May the love of God comfort you at this time and then help you celebrate a wonderful long life of your father.

Jeff McBain

Jeff McBain - January 23, 2015 at 12:32 PM

JS

“ To: Sandy, Doug, Barbie & Greg;

Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your father. Even though we haven't seen him in many years we have very fond memories of good times shared when we were neighbors in N.J.

Jack & Jan Sprink

Jack & Jan Sprink - January 23, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JW

“ Joseph W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Everett Cox .



Joseph W. - January 23, 2015 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ I always admired Jerry and his dedication to St. Paul's UMC. To the family, please accept our sympathy. Don & Donna Burkhart

donna burkhart - January 22, 2015 at 07:10 PM

MG

“ When I think of Jerry I think of childhood and growing up privileged enough to be a member of St Paul's United Methodist church. He and Eleanor were always the smile I searched for every Sunday morning. His kindness and compassion he showed to even the youngest members of the congregation will never be forgotten. Fly among the Angels and we will meet again with no pain and the brightest of smiles.

Melissa Dice Grossman - January 22, 2015 at 06:25 PM