



Gary Cox

December 21, 1943 - July 3, 2021

Mr. Cox is a legacy. Coach Cox, a true Warrior with a gift for making everyone feel good about themselves. Gary Cox, a man of faith known for his humor. A role model and inspiration. A hero to many and a father figure to others. A mentor with a beacon of kindness and compassion. He is a voice of wisdom and positive influence with willingness to extend tough love. Gary is a rock solid class act that etched a permanent spot on our hearts. He has great enthusiasm for all things Warrior "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"

Gary Bruce Cox died July 3, 2021 at his home in Redmond, OR surrounded by family.

Born on December 21, 1943 in Cottage Grove, OR to Tom and Mary Cox. He grew up in Drain, OR and graduated from Drain Union High School in 1962. After graduation he married his high school sweetheart on August 16, 1963. He went on to attend college at University of Oregon, Columbia Basin Junior College and then graduated from Linfield College in 1968.

Gary and Diana moved to Philomath in 1968 where they made their home for 36 years. Gary began his career with the Philomath School District in 1968. The couple had two children, Christina Cox Rosborough and Kathi Cox Sollars. After 30 years as teacher, coach and athletic director, Gary retired in 1998. Gary started as a volunteer firefighter with the Philomath Fire

Department in 1972 and retired in 2003 after 31 and a half years of service. Gary and Diana were members of Suburban Christian Church for 33 years and most recently of Redmond Christian Church.

Throughout the years, Gary was recognized for:

NAIA Baseball Championship 1966

4A Athletic Director of the Year 1991

AI Neet Educator of the Year 1998

Inducted into Linfield College Athletic Hall of Fame (Baseball) 1999

Inducted into State of OR Sports Hall of Fame

Inducted into Linfield College Athletic Hall of Fame (Football) 2010

Inducted into the OR Athletic Directors Assoc. Hall of Fame 2012

Philomath Fire Department Most Inspirational Firefighter and Firefighter of the Quarter

Philomath Community Service Award

Philomath High School Legend Club

Founder of the Warrior Scramble

Board of Directors for PYAC

Recently honored by having the PHS/Gary Cox Hall of Fame named after him

He enjoyed spending his time fishing, golfing, gardening, camping, traveling, sports and attending his grandkids school and sport activities.

Survivors include: Wife, Diana Cox, daughter Christina Rosborough (husband Todd) of Oregon City, OR, daughter Kathi Sollars (husband Shad) of Lahaina, HI. Brother Steve Cox (wife Sharley) of Medford, OR. Four grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death by his parents Tom and Mary Cox.

Gary will be laid to rest in a private burial at Comstock Cemetery in Curtin,

OR.

A celebration of Life will be held August 7, 2021, 1:30 pm at Suburban Christian Church located at 2760 SW 53rd St. Corvallis, OR 97333.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made In Memory of Gary Cox to:

Philomath Youth Activities Club (PYAC)

PO Box 1358

Philomath, OR 97370

or online

Venmo: @PhilomathYouthActivitiesClub

<https://venmo.com/philomathyouthactivitiesclub>

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Gary and all his fine qualities will long be remembered ! May Gods great mercy bring comfort to you in this time. With much love. Russ & Rita Flatz

Russ and Rita Flatz - August 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ The Mark Thomas family sends our deepest sympathy. Gary was an inspiration to me and many others. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Mark Thomas - August 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ With deepest sympathy.

Ann & Rob Wilson - August 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Mr. Cox I am forever grateful for your love & prayers. abundant love , Wanda Christensen



Wanda Christensen - August 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Mark & Barbara Miller - August 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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Mark & Barbara Miller - August 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Ann & Rob Wilson - July 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ In January 1997, when Gary was the AD at Philomath HS, the Shining Stars Dance Team, who had won the Oregon State Dance Title were invited to march in the parade, celebrating Bill Clinton's inauguration as President, in Washington DC. Gary was very active in helping the team and family members raise the funds necessary for the trip. Thanks to the generosity on the community and many businesses they were able to raise \$45,000 in just 6 weeks. Gary made the trip with the group and shared a hotel suite with us to minimize expenses. He helped to chaperone groups of team members and their families to a number of monuments and sites of historical significance. Gary provided a great deal of support for the student athletes and his calm demeanor and wry sense of humor added much to a great experience. His passing has left a substantial void in the fabric of our community , where he served as teacher, coach. mentor and friend to so many. May he rest in the peace and joy of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ ! Robert & Kay Koenig (Parents of three members of the Shining Stars Dance Team) Our prayers and condolences to Diana, their two daughters and their families.

Robert & Kay Koenig - July 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ Mr Cox's encouragement made me the person I am. His personal finance class was amazing.

Wendi Ihrig - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Gary's death. My family is from Philomath; graduated from PHS in 1976. He was one of my favorite teachers and a true PHS Warrior. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Tammy Wibel (Emerson) - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Gary was the most school oriented alumni of all. Cliff and I both tremendously enjoyed seeing him and Diana each year. Going to miss his smile and bantering at future reunions. Many prayer and condolences to his family. Bless you all

Cliff and Judi Otto - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ RIP my friend!!!

Daniel Harms - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM