



Mr. Virgil Cox

April 12, 1932 - December 3, 2023

Mr. Virgil Cox of Rome, GA, formerly of Lakeland, FL, passed away from this life and to his eternal home with the Lord on December 3, 2023.

He was born in Grundy, Virginia to the late Otis and Matilda Cox as one of eight children. He was of the Christian faith and was called to share the Love of God and blessings of Christ as a Baptist Pastor. He served faithfully in this capacity for years. Alongside his calling, Virgil had a career with the U.S. Army as a Materials Classifier, after his active service as a paratrooper. In his retirement, he found joy in service as a crossing guard in the Lakeland area for the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Until his passing, Virgil was a member of Liberty View Baptist Church in Silver Creek, Georgia.

He married the love of his life and Godly partner, Patricia J. Cox. She was a homemaker and mother. Their marriage flourished for fifty-six years until her passing in 2008.

Virgil found and served God in many capacities. It is certain some of his closest were in his spare time, hunting and fishing. When able, he could be found fishing in local spots such as Saddle Creek and Foxwood Estates.

In addition to his parents, Virgil was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia J. Cox; daughter, Ella D. Hudler; three brothers, three of his sisters; and son-in-law, Donald Belcher.

Survivors include his daughters, Wanda J. Belcher, Donna A. Griffith (Gary); sister, Geraldine Kinder; son-in-law Wayne Hudler; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service to honor the life of Virgil and celebrate his everlasting life with Jesus will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside Chapel with a visiting hour from 11:00 AM until service time. A committal service will immediately follow at Oak Hill Burial Park. Lakeland.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

DEC **9** (ET)

Oak Hill Burial Park
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Lakeland, FL 33812

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Virgil Cox* ”



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 09, 2023 at 08:04 AM

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“*Precious Wanda and Family: Foremost, our prayers are with each of you now, as we’re praying intently for our Father’s love, peace, and comfort to overshadow your hearts and His love light upon you in this time of grief and heavy hearts. As we grieve with you the loss of your beloved father, may you always find strength and solace in the precious memories that Rev. Virgil gave unto so many of us. His was a life that was truly lived in service of our Savior Jesus! Only a precious few souls could ever have recited the Holy Word as Rev. Virgil did. And what a great blessing it was to have heard him speak the Word, as the Spirit of God so indelibly laid it on his heart to utter it with such precision and profound understanding with passion and wisdom as he did was truly an inspiration and blessing beyond measure. It comforts our hearts, though we will miss him deeply as well, as we think on his beautiful renditions of “These Hands”, “I’ve Heard Of A Land”, and “Peace In The Valley”- and we know that through those hands of clay, the Good Lord used Bro. Virgil to build a life with Christ as the defining line throughout the great tapestry of his time on this earth. Bro. Virgil was not one ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus and so gallantly told others of the fair Land his Lord had gone to prepare. May the comforts known only to God’s chosen few be your peace, knowing that Bro. Virgil’s faith has certainly been made sight and so he shall ever be with the Lord. He’s meant so much to us over the years, as each of you do as well, truly a blessing and a living testimony of how great our God truly is. Few are as easily elevated to a hero of faith as Rev. Virgil Cox. We love you and we’re praying!
Kurt, Ash, and Gracie Thrash*”

Ashley Thrash - December 08, 2023 at 09:07 PM

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“ From Jim & Kris Cox and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Virgil Cox.



From Jim & Kris Cox and Family - December 07, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Virgil Cox.



December 06, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Virgil Cox.



December 06, 2023 at 11:07 AM