



Mr. M.V. "Sam" Cox

August 7, 1930 - January 23, 2011

COX, M.V. "Sam" "Paw Paw", 80, of Plant City, Florida, departed this life on Sunday, January 23, 2011. He was born in Lakeland, Florida, and grew up in Hillsborough County. He graduated from Brandon High School in 1948, served in the United States Navy, and retired from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. During his 40 years of service to the Sheriff's Office, he was a member of the K9 Unit with sidekick Rebel and served under Sheriffs Malcolm Beard, Walter C. Hendrich, Cal Henderson, and David Gee. He was described by many as a man's man, a true gentleman, and a legendary figure. He will be sadly missed by all. The family expresses gratitude to the many friends and LifePath Hospice for their overwhelming support. He was preceded in death by his parents Jessie and Lois Cox and brothers Hubert and Archie. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Jeanette "Jan" Cox; son David and daughter-in-law Karen; grandchildren Davey and Destiny; constant companion African Grey Parrot, Harley; loving and special sister Juanita Screws; sister-in-laws Doris Cox and Mary Cox; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was so proud of his family and loved them dearly. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 26 from 6 - 8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 SR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life on Thursday, January 27 at 10:30 A.M. at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 503 North Palmer Street, Plant City. Interment to follow at Seffner Cemetery, Seffner, Florida. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN **27**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Plant City's First Baptist Church
503 North Palmer Street
Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.fbcpc.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. M.V. "Sam" Cox



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prays go out to Jan, David and family. My Dad worked with Sam at the sheriff's office, David and my brother were good friends. They are both gone but not forgotten, they will be missed by all that know and loved them. Just look in the sky at night and when you see the brightest star you will know they are watching over us till the day we see them again.
The Johnny Pollock Family

Debra (Pollock) Tankersley - March 28, 2011 at 08:24 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *Celebration*



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 27, 2011 at 04:28 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Jan and the family.*

Elaine, Ricky and Cody Mindedahl

Rick Mindedahl - January 26, 2011 at 06:44 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to you Jan and your family. Our prayers are with you.*

Be strong in this time and may God go with you.

claudia coleman - January 26, 2011 at 04:58 PM



“ Uncle Sam was very special to me in many ways. As a young boy i always wanted to be a police officer, and Uncle sam was a true inspiration to me. God had other plans for my life in the fulltime Ministry, yet Uncle Sam was always supportive of my calling. We will all miss him greatly, and Hillsborough County is a safer place because of his tireless dedication. I had the honor of praying with Uncle Sam a week before he went to be with the Lord, so I know I will get to see him again. I know Daddy, Uncle Monk(Hubert), Uncle Emmit and now Uncle Sam are enjoying worshipping our Lord together.

Rev. Charlie Cox

Rev. Charlie Cox - January 26, 2011 at 12:37 PM

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“ First met Sam in 1970, I was a rookie Deputy, Sam was very helpful in breaking the ice of feeling accepted in the patrol unit. At the time there were approximately 27 Deputies per shift. We worked six nine hour days with one day off each week. Knowing a man the quality of Sam Cox makes me grateful to have him as a friend.

Gale Reigel - January 25, 2011 at 05:20 PM

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“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. M.V. "Sam" Cox



The Family - January 25, 2011 at 04:36 PM

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What a privilege it was to know Sam. I worked with him at the Sheriff's Office for a little more than ten years. It was such a pleasure to see that big smile on his face every day. I always kidded him about knowing something everyone else didn't, to be smiling that hard. He probably did, but wasn't the kind of guy to rub it in. He was a true gentlemen...I don't think I ever heard him say anything bad about anyone else in all those years. His grin got even bigger when he told stories about his K-9, Rebel, allowing people to pet him, then biting them when they stopped petting. The privilege was all mine, brother.

Ryan Tallahassee, - March 03, 2011 at 04:09 PM

BC

“ *Bill Brenda Caswell lit a candle in memory of Mr. M.V. "Sam" Cox*



Bill Brenda Caswell - January 24, 2011 at 07:36 PM