



Gardner "Gary" Cox

February 3, 1948 - February 7, 2025

Gardner (Gary) Lawrence Cox of Pleasant View, Tennessee, passed away Friday, February 7th, 2025 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville surrounded by his family.

He was born on February 3, 1948 in Buffalo, New York, son of Dr. Gardner Cox II and Helen Louse (Westbrook) Cox. After living in Maine and California while his father was on active duty, he grew up in Holyoke, Mass., attending public schools before graduating from Cardigan Mountain School and Charlemont High School.

He married Mary Ellen Moriarity of Holyoke in 1970.

Interested in all things mechanical, he graduated from Franklin Institute in Boston with an Associates' degree in diesel engineering in 1970. He spent many years as a diesel design engineer for American Bosch, United Technologies, and a successor company, AMBAC Inc. in western Massachusetts, helping design diesel injection pumps for Mack, International Harvester, Caterpillar and Renault. Pumps he helped design for marine engines for Caterpillar have accumulated more than a million hours in operation without failures.

He later taught diesel mechanics at Lincoln Technical Institute in Connecticut,

and after he and Ellen moved to Tennessee in 2007 to be closer to their granddaughters, at Nashville Auto Diesel College, where he won an award for teaching. He also designed and built custom diesel pumps for competitive truck pullers.

In 1975, he and Ellen built a log house on family land in Hawley, Mass in the Berkshires where they and their daughters lived for ten years until they moved to Agawam, Mass.

Gary always enjoyed working on cars, trucks, tractors and farm equipment his entire life. He was also very handy and enjoyed building. He built a family home, barn and garage in Hawley and a garage in Holyoke for his father. Gary was a loving family man with many friends and family in both Massachusetts and Tennessee. Gary will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Katherine Louise (Cox) Tangredi.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Ellen Cox (Moriarty), his brother Gregory Allen Cox of Hawley and sister Helen Louise Donahoe (Cox) of Holyoke, his daughter Mary Ellen Kosinski (Cox), son in-law Joseph F Kosinski II, and 3 granddaughters, Macy Elizabeth Kosinski, Mallory Erin Kosinski and Marla Emma Kosinski, all of Pleasant View.

Visitation is planned for Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 2-4 pm with a short memorial at 4 pm at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View. Flowers can be sent to Austin and Bell Funeral Home or donations can be made in Gary's name to Colby's Army at <http://www.colbysarmy.org/giving.html>
The service will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=austinbellofpleasantview32

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



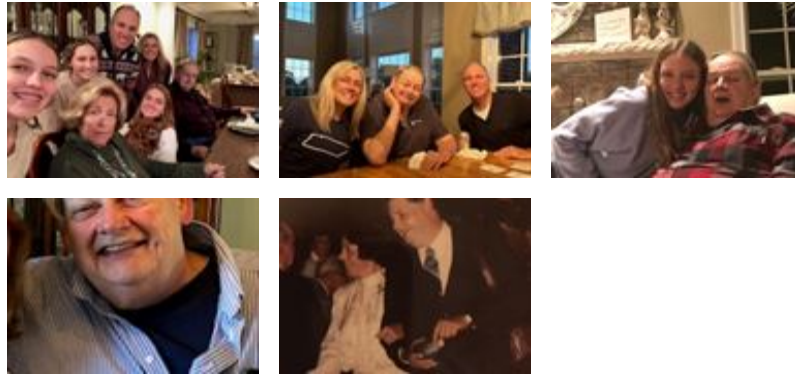
“ *Ebony Price and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.* ”



Ebony Price and Family - February 21, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.* ”



February 21, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.



February 19, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gardner "Gary" Cox.

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“ Ellen Cox purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.



Ellen Cox - February 19, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ Ellen Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gardner "Gary" Cox.

Ellen Cox - February 19, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JM

“ Joe, Mary, Macy, Mallory & Marla purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.



Joe, Mary, Macy, Mallory & Marla - February 19, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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“ Joe, Mary, Macy, Mallory & Marla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gardner "Gary" Cox.

Joe, Mary, Macy, Mallory & Marla - February 19, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.



February 18, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gardner "Gary" Cox.

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.*



February 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gardner "Gary" Cox.

February 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *Elizabeth T. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.*



Elizabeth T. - February 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gardner "Gary" Cox.*



February 12, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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“ Gary was one of eight cousins who grew up together on the Cox Family property in Holyoke Massachusetts. We were in and out of each other's home and a daily basis and often got together for family gatherings in each other's homes. At Christmas we would all gather at One of the homes for a big dinner and then often would go out in the neighborhood Christmas Caroling. Summers we would always retreat to the family farm in Hawley, where all of us cousins would take off their shoes and run wild in the fields, brooks, barn, chicken coop, sheep shed. Eventually both the old barn and farmhouse where we stayed would be pulled down and individual homes would be built for each of the tree families,-Coxes, Szewczynski's and Thwings. Gary was the top mechanic in the famiuy. He found old cars for me and would recue me when they broke down and then fix 'em up again. We were all close and have remained close throughout our lives. Gary will be missed. Ellen and the Kosinski family are now in our thoughts and prayers

William Thwing - February 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DC

“ Gardner was friend and coworker at NADC and we worked together to help future diesel technicians. I will miss our talks both at school and after he left the school he made an impact on a lot students. Rest in peace my friend.



David Conant - February 12, 2025 at 12:36 AM