



## Ret. Col. Joseph J Cox, Jr.

May 25, 1940 - September 2, 2019

Retired Colonel Joseph James Cox, Jr. passed away Monday, September 2, 2019.

James graduated from Number Three High School, studied Aeronautical Engineering at N.C. State University, and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) with a MS in Engineering Science. He earned a Master's of Science Degree in Astronautics from Purdue University and received his PhD in Engineering Mechanics from Arizona State University.

After graduation from the USAFA, he served in the U.S. Air Force for twenty three years. He began his military career as a pilot of F4C jets at RAF Bentwaters, England. During the Vietnam War, he was a fighter pilot and Aircraft Commander, based at Cam Rahn Bay, South Vietnam. He completed 169 combat missions.

Later James was an instructor pilot at Williams Air Force Base and taught in Engineering Mechanics department at the USAF Academy. After completing his PhD, he returned as an Associate Professor at the Academy and was the Chief of several USAFA research teams.

As Director of Space Systems Planning in Los Angeles, California, James was responsible for developing the Space Division corporate position on

technology and Program Manager for the Military System Technology Model (MSSTM) that identified technologies to support advanced space system concepts. He was a member of the NASA Structures and Materials Advisory Committee.

While working at the Pentagon, he served as Deputy for Space Defense providing technical advice for the research and engineering of several programs including the Space Defense Anti-Satellite (ASAT) program and the Space Interceptor.

After he retired from the Air Force, James worked at Martin Marietta on space defense projects including Brilliant Pebbles and as an aircraft engineering consultant at Boeing.

James was the son of the late J.J. and Gladys Cox of Patterson Springs. He is survived by three sons (Brent, Michael, and Barry Cox) one daughter (Tami Cox), three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, two sisters - Ruth Quinn Stewart (Joe) of Columbia, S.C. and Betsy Burkett of Detroit, Mi.- one brother, Bill Cox of Shelby, N.C, and seven nieces and nephews.

James wrote several novels and enjoyed discussing politics with a good cigar and a good bourbon beside his pool in Orlando. He will be greatly missed!

James will be buried at Air Force Academy Cemetery in Colorado.

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ret. Col. Joseph J Cox, Jr..*



---

September 13, 2019 at 03:46 PM

ME

“ *What a great man and friend you were to us, Joe.  
We will miss you*

*Natalie and Meinhardt*

---

**Meinhardt** - September 11, 2019 at 11:01 PM

TC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



---

**Tami Cox** - September 11, 2019 at 12:02 PM

TC

*Will keep you in my heart Daddy!*

---

**Tami Cox** - September 11, 2019 at 12:03 PM

TF

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to you.  
We'll be holding you in our hearts. Please let  
us know if we can be of any comfort!*

*Love to you,*

*The Madsens*



---

**The Madsen Family** - September 11, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family  
of Ret. Col. Joseph J Cox, Jr..*



---

September 10, 2019 at 05:31 PM

ED

“ *Thank You For Your Service in The United  
States Air Force*



---

**Eddie** - September 10, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ My Father, age 78 at the time, 79 now, a Vietnam Vet, a late diagnosed GBM stage 4 ,mentholated, wild type, non-operable with a tumor at 4cm at biopsy already ,July 2018, Went through the standard treatment 6 weeks 60gy targeted radiation and tmz/dex, that grew the tumor to 15cm!, Dec 20th 2018 i had to admit him, I researched Avastin- Bevacizumab so we placed him on Once every two weeks ,he received half dose, we shrank the Tumor 80% in three months,...from 15cm to 6cm!.I got him back home for awhile, But now the Avastin has ran its course and blood clotting issues are at hand, first in the hips, now the lungs, I'm trying to convince my cancer team to RE-Radiate at lower levels, 35gy ,hyperfractinated 10 installments for 2 weeks.. Gboxin i looked into, but it has to be implanted in the skull cavity. Best thing i seen was NTEK inhibitors, I'm using Optune and have for 6 months, my last 4 months having 90% compliance. Sadly, my farther's now , as of 3 weeks ago, Aug 28th, 2019 is on feeding tube and O2, and can pass away at any time. But i'm told the Cancer is stable, and has been the last two months, with two MRI's, Hospice was then ordered and demanded, Spet 2, 2019, My father passed away . We Fought the Good Fight ,DAD!....It was the most time i was able to spend with you my entire life....

James Brenton - September 10, 2019 at 02:48 PM



I am so very sorry for your loss I know your pain and frustration all to well. Be thankful for the time you had with him and cherish every good memory. He was a good man and I had no idea of all he had accomplished in his life time. He lived a good life and unfortunately gone to soon. Your in my thoughts and prayers and know that he is no longer suffering and is finally at peace ❤️🙏

Kristy Meagher - September 12, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



---

**James Brenton** - September 10, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*

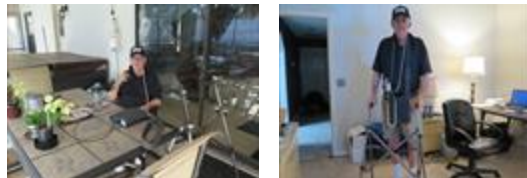


---

**James Brenton** - September 10, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



---

**James Brenton** - September 10, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James Brenton - September 10, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James Brenton - September 10, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James Brenton - September 10, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ret. Col. Joseph J Cox, Jr..



September 10, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Ret. Col. Joseph J Cox, Jr..



---

September 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM