



Donald Ray Cox

July 4, 1948 - May 8, 2014

Donald Ray "Bear" Cox, 65, a Wenatchee resident for over 50 years, passed away at his home in Wenatchee on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

He was born on the 4th of July in 1948 to the late Everett and Betty (Grier) Cox. He was raised in Wenatchee and attended elementary, Orchard Middle School and Wenatchee High Schools. He graduated from Wenatchee High School at the age of 17, with the class of 1965. He entered the U.S. Army in January of 1967 and following basic training, he served at the Panama Canal until receiving his honorable discharge in January of 1973. He was an expert marksman with an M-14 Rifle.

Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Wenatchee where he went to work at Betts Funeral Home. He was coaxed to California and entered the Police Academy program at Stockton. After his graduation, he became a Policeman for the Stockton Police Department. While working as a Policeman in Stockton, he met Nikole Corleone of Sacramento and he soon became a commuter to his job. They were married on March 24, 1994 at Lake Tahoe, California. They made their home together in Sacramento and he studied to become a Para Legal, while working as a Reserve Sheriff Deputy for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He went to work in Sacramento as a Para Legal while working to continue on with his studies to become an attorney, when, he was injured in 1997. They moved to Wenatchee in 2001 to be nearer to his family.

He was an avid supporter of the Fallen Police Officers Association, the Fallen

Fire Fighters Association and the J.R.D.F. for Burn Victims.

Donald especially enjoyed fishing and his kids.

He is survived by his wife, Nikole Corleone-Cox, Wenatchee; one son and daughter-in-law, Andoni & Charlie Kastros, Fresno, CA; one daughter, Miach Corleone-Cox, Wenatchee; one brother and sister-in-law, Michael & Corrine Cox, Wenatchee; three sisters and two brother's-in-law, Vicki & Doug Harvey of Snohomish, Linda & Rick Martin and Patricia White all of Wenatchee; his adopted brother, David Marchand of Stockton, CA; niece, Katie Marchand, Stockton, CA and two grandchildren, Sarah and Evie Kastros, Fresno, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Darren Herrington and Raymond Corleone-Cox.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held at a later date. You are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just today learned of Don's passing, several months too late to share my one on one condolences with family members. Don and I were childhood friends. We shared many happy experiences together, and were always together after school getting into mischief or playing games. Hey Mike, remember the mayonnaise sandwiches your mother always made for us? That was always a treat - yes it was!

Don was a gentle soul; kind and generous. And from what I've read of his life story, that same spirit carried with him for his entire life. Don, you were one of my earliest friends, and we miss you. I thank God you had a life well lived.

*My love to Don's family,
Paul*

P h mock - September 17, 2014 at 12:14 AM

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“ Uncle Donny, one of my earliest memories of you was being so excited to hear from Grandma and Grandpa you were coming to visit from California or getting to talk to you when you called them. I was so sad to hear of Uncle Donny's passing, but it makes me appreciate the time I spent in Wenatchee this last winter, because I got the opportunity to visit Uncle Donny. It was during one of his stays at the hospital, which may not have been the best setting, but visits with Uncle Donny were always fun no matter the location. He had a way to always make you laugh or put a smile on your face, even when he wasn't doing so well. He had a love for life (and fishing!) that some of us take for granted. Until we meet again...tell Grandma and Grandpa hi and that I miss them everyday. Love you Uncle Donny!

Jessee Veneros - May 12, 2014 at 11:37 AM

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“ My wife and I were gifted enough to know of Don through Miach. Our hearts are breaking for the loss of such a wonderful man in our world. Our prayers and blessings go to Nikole and her children in this hard time. It is unimaginable to lose the one you share your heart with. Nikole, May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your cheeks and until you meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. God bless Nikole, Miach, and Andoni in this time of loss.

Keith and Laura Harkin - May 10, 2014 at 01:16 AM

MC

“ Don was my daddy for as long as I can ever remember. He was my protector, my teacher, my hero, and now my angel above. He lived his life according to his rules and ways to the very last day of his life. I am honored to have been his daughter, he didn't get stuck with me, HE chose me. He brought a light and a smile to my mother that I can never thank him enough for. I am sad to let him go so soon but I am so glad he no longer is in pain. He will forever be my daddy and I will always love him.

Miach Corleone-Cox - May 09, 2014 at 04:45 PM