



Mary "Betty" Cox

December 18, 1925 - February 12, 2011

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Cox, 85, of Limestone, died Saturday (Feb. 12, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in the Limestone Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Cox was a housewife. She was born Dec. 18, 1925, in Hamilton County, the daughter of Oscar and Clara Mae Kingston Isaacs. Her husband, Pearl William Cox, whom she married Sept. 8, 1942, in Perryville, Mo., died Jan. 28, 2006. She was a member of the Baptist faith. She liked crocheting and doing crafts.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters-in-law, Coleman and Debbie Cox, Rick and Connie Cox, and Sylvia Cox, all of Limestone; eight grandchildren, Vickie (Tim) Bertrand, Billy (Melissa) Cox Jr., Michael (Heather) Cox, Matthew Cox, Mark Cox, Jason Cox, Brandon Cox and Nathan Cox; and two great-grandchildren, Evan and Ethan Cox.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Patty; one son, Bill; four sisters, Thelma, Ermal, Ethel Marie and Hazel; and three brothers, Coleman, Wilburn Dale and Jimmy.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1764

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma Cox,
You were a Very Special Person to all of Our Family. It breaks our hearts to lose you, but we all know that you are in a better place with Patty, Grandpa, Bill (Dad) and all of our Family & Friends who have gone before us. You had the kindest and most loving heart to all who knew you. We will always hold Beautiful Memories of You forever in our Hearts. We All Love You and Miss You Very Much. Until then someday our Family Chain will Link Again. God Bless.



Love,
Your Daughter-in-Law, Sylvia
Granddaughter & Grandson, Vickie & Tim
Grandson & Granddaughter & Great-Grandsons
Billy, Melissa Evan & Ethan

Tim & Vickie Bertrand - April 16, 2011 at 01:10 PM

NM

“ Betty was one of the sweetest and most welcoming people I ever met. She was down home and always so happy. I remember seeing her and Pearl out front enjoying the fresh air and watching cars go by. They always treated us like family. She will be missed, our hearts go out to Sylvia, Vickie, Billy, Coleman and Rickie, and their families.

Norma Meents - February 17, 2011 at 08:33 AM

MJ

“ Betty was a dear friend when I was very young. When I was 12 & 13 we were neighbors. She was always so sweet, talked to me about Patty, who was my age, and was always sharing wonderful treats. She has been a model in my life of the kind of woman I wanted to be. As a friend of Billy's she and Pearl were so very nice to me. I will never forget them, especially Betty. You have been blessed with a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend. God has blessed you greatly.

Mary Jackson - February 14, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Aunt Betty was the last of a big family. We all loved her and tried to spend time with her when we could. I, too, spent a week as a kid with Aunt Betty and Uncle Pearl when Bill and Pattie were little (before Coleman and Rick). There were 4 of us 'girls', but she only took 2 at a time. That's probably all she could handle. We had a wonderful week on the farm and swimming in the lagoon. Dangerous now, but not then. After all, we had inner tubes from old tires and none of us could swim. I remember family get-togethers at their house and lots of fond memories. I will miss her.



G Norris - February 14, 2011 at 06:46 PM

GR

“ A more beautiful, sweet soul did not exist on this earth. I have many fond memories of staying on the farm with Aunt Betty and Uncle Pearl when Patty and Bill and I were kids. A few summers after Patty passed away, I stayed on the farm with her for a week. Looking back, I know that had to be hard on her to have me there as a reminder of better times when Patty and I would play on the farm. She never let on that it bothered her, although I do remember a couple of tearful smiles from her....being a kid, I didn't connect what she must have been feeling. I remember churning butter with her and Patty and pulling taffy....and feeding the orphaned baby lambs from a Pepsi bottle, and gathering eggs from chickens who didn't want me to have them...her house was a city kid's dream. I remember too picking blackberries so we could make a cobbler, although I am sure I wasn't much help...I remember her letting me drive her pickup truck on back roads when I was about 12....and driving a tractor in the fields...how cool was that to a kid! I loved her and I will miss her. She made the world a better place while she was in it. My heartfelt condolences to Vickie and Rick and Coleman and all the family. Love....Geri Reardon (her brother Jim's daughter)

Geri Reardon - February 14, 2011 at 05:59 PM

DT

“ Duane Karen And Tommy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary "Betty" Cox



Duane Karen and Tommy - February 14, 2011 at 02:22 PM

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“ Duane Karen And Tommy lit a candle in memory of Mary "Betty" Cox



Duane Karen and Tommy - February 14, 2011 at 02:19 PM

LA

“ Seeing Aunt Betty's face light up with that gorgeous smile will be one of the things I will miss. But what I will miss the most will be her loving, caring, sweet soul. Undoubtedly, she was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. She was loved by all and will be missed by all.

I remember visiting her with my grandma and grandpa when I was younger and running wild and playing wilder. My brother and I had to dig deep into our pockets after one visit and pay 35 cents each for the cost of a dozen eggs. We'd found eggs 'simply laying around' and we decided to take them up into the barn and throw them as far as we could. We were little. Throwing 'far' was not that far. Several must've hit their mule because he had eggs running off of him. Needless to say everyone was mad but Aunt Betty. She laughed and laughed. While we cried and cried.

Last summer at the family reunion Aunt Betty came in with a huge bag full of hand crocheted pot holders. She had made every color under the rainbow then invented a few others. All of us 'girls' got to chose. At the end I took the leftovers for my daughters. I'm so glad we all have a piece of Aunt Betty.

Our sincerest sympathies go out to Coleman, Rick, Vickie and all of her other family members and friends. Love to you all. Lynn (Lynn Ann) and Cary Richardson.

Lynn Ann) - February 14, 2011 at 01:40 PM