



J Wylie Cox

January 9, 1934 - December 6, 2023

J Wylie Cox, age 89, of Warden, Washington, peacefully passed away at home early morning on December 6, 2023. He was born on January 9, 1934, in Shelley, Idaho, to Wylie Nelson Cox and Jeanette Lucile Judd. Shortly after his birth his parents moved to the Cle Elum area to farm along with along with Cliff Hampton, Clair Hampton and Peril Cox. J Wylie attended the Denmark one room school in Ellensburg. His family moved to the Roza Project in Prosser, WA along with many other Basin Family's in the late 40's where he would graduate from Prosser High School in 1953 and wed Mary E. Havner the following October. J and Mary have just celebrated 69 years of marriage.

J Wylie was drafted into the Korean War. During his service, he was stationed at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, where he was an instructor of Chemical Warfare for the Army and was discharged as Specialist First Class. Roberta Lynn was born in 1958 in Alabama and J, Mary and Roberta travelled home to Prosser. J Wylie worked with his Uncle Vern and in the early 60's they moved to Connell, Washington to farm where Sharma Kay was born in 1963 and Camiekae in 1965. Shortly thereafter they moved to Warden Washington where J. Wylie would work for Vern, then Country Gardens as a Fieldman until approached by Nathan Gellert to work as a dealer for Gellert Sales and Service, which he continued to do until he retired in his late 70's.

J Wylie was not only dedicated to his work in the air ventilation business. He &

Mary spent years with the Warden Jr. Miss program and in 1973 he purchased his first Ford Sunliner parade car when the town did not have a float & Robbie was Jr. Miss. This turned into a passion for collecting classic cars, particularly Ford Thunderbirds, which he would be known as the "Thunderbird Man" for many years. He enjoyed having a large garden and spending time on the farm and most importantly time with his family through his final years.

J Wylie was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he believed in the principle that "Every member is a missionary." J Wylie loved to share the gospel and his testimony of the plan of salvation with others. He was teaching Sunday School up to the very end and has accepted his calling in Heaven. His unwavering faith & commitment to his beliefs served as an inspiration to all who knew him.

He will be remembered for his love of Fords, Diet Pepsi, Vicks Cough drops, Lifesavers, Horns a Plenty, Sticks of Juicy Fruit Gum, Cowboy Poetry, Western Music, Looney Tunes, Disney & Smokey and the Bandit Movies, Native American History, Anything Sweet & Good to Eat, and being an amazing Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Friend and Neighbor.

J Wylie Cox is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Mary E. Cox, his daughter Roberta Lynn Noga (Pat), & Camiekae Lynch (Kevin). He is also survived by his grandchildren Steven J. and Jennifer Noga, Josh Noga, Alex & Yaque Rosas, Kris Noga and Hannah Rose Lynch. He leaves behind great-grandchildren Riley & Kaidyn Noga, Alexis Noga, Brandon Surber Noga, and A.J. & Aniyah Rosas. J Wylie is also survived by his brothers Jerry Cox and Howard Cox and many nieces and nephews. J Wylie was preceded in death by his parents, Wylie & Lucile, his daughter Sharma Kay, and his sister Carolyn.

A viewing will be held on December 14, 2023, at Kayser's Chapel of Memories from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The funeral service will take place on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Warden.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Othello Hospital and caregivers who provided exceptional care and support during J Wylie Cox's short illness. J Wylie will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will forever live on in our hearts, and the impact of his love & kindness, unwavering faith, and deep love for his family will be felt for generations to come.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family asks to please donate to the Warden Fire Department (Grant Co #4), P.O. Box 368, Warden, WA. 98857

To join the service via Zoom, visit <https://zoom.us/j/99153283625#success>

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE
Warden, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel
1017 S. County Rd.
Warden, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ J was such a valuable source of potato storage information early on when Thaemert Farms was struggling with the storage of chipping potatoes.

On top of that, he was just such a pleasant man to be around.

J and my good memories of him will continue to live on with me as long as I'm alive.

Greg Thaemert
Thaemert Farms.

Greg Thaemert - December 15, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ JW had a tremendous impact on my life. In 1987 I had a small engineering company in Colville. Jay and family had been friends of my family for many years. Jay kept telling me about the Gellert company and that they were looking for a computer control panel for the potato industry. I developed a prototype and Jay invited me down to Moses Lake to try it out. Jay made arrangements with a farmer to hook it up to a storage. After a day of running Jay called the owner of the Gellert company and arranged for him to fly up and see the panel. We shook hands and started producing panels. Jay was one of the top salesman for our panel and for the next 35 years was always promoting us. Thanks Jay and all the Cox family for all the support and friendship. God Bless. John and Connie Butorac.

John Butorac - December 15, 2023 at 09:22 AM

TM

“ J. Was a wonderful person who always tried to make you feel welcomed in his presence. Always had a smile and a hand shake to those who he greeted. Yes, his presence will be missed. But he is having a family reunion in heaven. I pray for comfort and peace for the family. Tito and Denise Moreno

Tito & Denise Moreno - December 12, 2023 at 09:28 PM

LK

“ To the family of J Wylie, you are right he was an amazing man. I've had the pleasure of being his "licensing lady" for the last 25 years. He always brought a smile with him when he came in and left smiles behind when he left. When he didn't come in person he usually wrote us a kind note. His last note, which we still have, said "see ya" wish we had had the chance.

God bless his family and God bless J Wylie i am a better person for having known him.

Lori Kinzel
Grant County Auditors office

Lori Kinzel - December 11, 2023 at 02:05 PM