



Mrs. Mary Bell Cox

May 17, 1945 - November 24, 2013

In Loving Memory of Mary Cox:

Mary Bell Cox was born on May 17, 1945 in Shepardville, Alabama to the union of George Johnson and Lula Bell Sanders. She was the youngest of three children having two older brothers, George and John. Mary was a graduate of Tipton High School in Selma, Alabama and went on to earn her Associates Degree in Nursing at Highland Park Community College in 1974.

Mary was joined in marriage to William Cox on September 28, 1974 at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. From this union, two daughters were born, Ramona and Regina. Ramona is scheduled to graduate December 2013 from Michigan State University with a Ph.D. in Sport Psychology, while Regina followed in her mother's footsteps and is currently a Registered Nurse residing in Washington D.C. Mary and William's union of holy matrimony was blessed for 38 years.

Mary began her nursing career at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) in 1974. She started in dialysis at Hutzel Hospital in 1980 and continued her work at Harper University Hospital in the Hemodialysis Unit beginning in 1988. Mary received numerous awards during her tenure as a registered nurse, including Unit Nurse of the Year in 2003, the National American Nephrology Nurses Award in 2003, DMC Nurse of the Year in 2008, as well as countless additional awards. Mary retired earlier this year after 39 years of service to the

DMC.

Mary joined Dexter Avenue Baptist Church on April 23, 1967 where she was a faithful servant of God. She was a very active member and served in several capacities at the church that include Secretary of the Philadelphian Sunday School class, President of the Nurses Guild, and Treasurer of the Sounds of Inspiration Choir. Mary was a dedicated member of the Music Ministry and the Nurses Guild and served in additional capacities whenever her services were needed. She was well loved and cherished by her church family.

Mary was a caregiver to many even beyond the walls of the hospital including saving the life of a complete stranger by providing CPR, an act for which she was acknowledged by the Las Vegas Fire Department. She always went above and beyond the call of duty and strived for nothing short of perfection. She was best known for extending compassion to others and always having a positive attitude.

Mary was called home to be with the Lord on November 24, 2013.

*Casket closed promptly at 10:30 A.M.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Nov. **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
13500 Dexter Ave.
Detroit, MI 48238

Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Bell Cox*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *In this time of sorrow. It is comforting to know our heavenly father is near to those broken at heart and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.(Ps 34:18) Our condolences to the family and friends.... The Collins Family*

The Collins Family - November 30, 2013 at 05:21 PM



“ *To Regina Cox and Family
My prayers are with your family during this time. May God hold you in the palm of his hands.*



Debra Wright - November 30, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ *Patricia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox*



Patricia Harris - November 30, 2013 at 07:39 AM

PH

“ *mary was a light that will always shine, her smile was like the widest ocean, and to all her love ones god is holding her now for sure she will rest bless you all..*

Patricia Harris - November 30, 2013 at 07:38 AM

DM

“ *How do you say the words (GOODBYE) to a true and dear friend. We met as sands pledging Gamma Phi Delta and our friendship grew over the years becoming best friends. I'm going to miss you sister. Dorothy Maddox*

Dorothy Maddox - November 29, 2013 at 08:09 PM

BM

“ *Mary was one of the nurses with whom I worked when I was the head nurse of the Hemodialysis Unit at Hutzel Hospital. Beyond her considerable skills as a nurse, Mary had the ability to make even the worst days seem like good ones with her smile and her laugh. She was nearly unflappable, no matter what the situation. It was always such a pleasure come to work and find her there. I have not seen Mary in nearly 20 years when I last visited Harper Hospital, but I will always remember her with great fondness. My sincerest condolences to all who loved her. The world has lost a very special person.*

Brenda Hardiewich Murray

Brenda Murray - November 29, 2013 at 07:01 PM

GS

“ Mary, my best friend will be missed, her smile, spirit, and beautiful ways I will always cherish. Rest in God loving arms. Your friend, Gloria Belle Smith



Gloria Smith - November 29, 2013 at 05:56 PM

CY

“ Mary was a second Mother to me. She taught me patience and forgiveness. She taught me that bad days will come and they do end. Most importantly, she taught me to have Faith. I will miss her and my love for her is neverending. Contina Young

Contina Young - November 29, 2013 at 03:51 PM

CY

“ Contina Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox



Contina Young - November 29, 2013 at 03:39 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox.



November 29, 2013 at 03:36 PM

JC

“ *Jerlean Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox*



jerlean crawford - November 29, 2013 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ *Mary was loved by everyone who knew her. For 35 years we worked together and there is no way to express how sad her passing leaves me. My prayer is for the family and friends she leaves behind. Words are beyond me right now but my thoughts are on the void she is leaving in the lives of so many people. Mary will long be part of my life in death as she was in life. Elaine*

Elaine Sisung - November 29, 2013 at 10:26 AM

DB

“ *Denise Belle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox*



Denise Belle - November 28, 2013 at 07:42 PM

DB

Mary was a very sweet person, even through we loved her but God loved her more. We send our deepest sympathy to her daughters and husband from your cousins Neicey, Shonda and Neishia Belle and Her first cousin Alice(Johnson) Gilmore. We are going to really miss Mary.

Denise Belle - November 28, 2013 at 07:49 PM

DS

“ *Deborrah Stallworth-Murlone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Bell Cox*



Deborrah Stallworth-Murlone - November 28, 2013 at 04:57 AM

DS

“ *I have known Mary since our days at Old Hutzel Hospital. I last saw her at her church concert Sept. 22, 2013. She was ever the nurse as she assisted someone who took ill in the choir stand. As I said at Mary's retirement she is "Phenomenal". I will miss our talks and laughter. I pray she knew how many people loved and respected her and will miss her. She was a shining light and although it may not be as bright, she left a lasting impression on myself and many others. Only God knows.*
Deborrah Stallworth-Murlone



Deborrah Stallworth-Murlone - November 27, 2013 at 08:10 PM

DS

We celebrated Mary's retirement at her church. We all worked with Mary for many, many years, from left to right, Deborrah, Fides, Agnes, Rani, Mary and Contina.

Deborrah Stallworth-Murlone - November 29, 2013 at 08:18 AM

GS

“ *May was my mentor in ICU at Hutzel Hospital when I graduated from nursing school. She then mentored me again when I went to the dialysis unit at Hutzel Hospital. What a great teacher. We continued to keep in touch when I would pop in to visit her working in the dialysis unit at Harper Hospital. I will never forget her beautiful smile and laugh. My condolences to all. We have lost a beautiful person. ~ Gerrie Spezia*

Gerrie Spezia - November 27, 2013 at 04:12 PM