



## James Bradford Cox

March 10, 1946 - October 20, 2017

James Bradford Cox, Sr., age 71, of Portage, IN, died Friday, October 20th at his home surrounded by loving family and friends. A service in his honor and fellowship dinner was held Sunday October 22nd at Deep River Christian Church in Merrillville, IN.

He was born in Michigan City, IN to James Francis and Mary Jane (Burton) Cox, both of whom preceded him in death.

In January of 1988 he married Dee Vatterrodt in Crown Point, IN and she survives in Portage, IN. Also surviving are his children: Jim (Penny) Cox of Punta Gorda, FL, Jodi (David) Steele of Port Charlotte, FL, J.J. Cox M.D., of St. Louis, MO, and Jon Cox of Indianapolis, IN; 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson; brothers Matt(Julie) Cox, Bob(Carol) Cox, Dan (Becca) Poole and Jim Poole of Michigan City, IN; Brian Cox(Laura) of Palmdale, CA; Steve(Sherri) Cox and Sam Poole of LaPorte, IN; sisters Shirley(Herman) Reiser of Laporte, IN and Toni Osborne of Pueblo, CO; Uncle Emmanuel Cox of Michigan City, IN and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Brad was a devoted husband, father and grandfather to his family. He always put God first. He attended Lincoln Christian College and served as youth minister at Deep River Christian Church from 1979 - 1985 after which he was pastor at Merrillville Christian Church until 1987. He was an electrician and helped build Camp LRCA(Christian Camp) where he married his loving wife Dee. He then worked at the Indiana State Prison where he retired as the Physical Plant Director.

Brad was a veteran who served during the Vietnam war in the Army National Guard for 6 years. He was very respected by all who knew him and will be missed by all who loved him. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Brad at ISP for many years. He was a hard worker but a gentle soul who gave to others as they needed. God grant you eternal peace Brad and I am praying for your family.  
Linda Morris Nursing Services at ISP.

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**Linda Morris** - November 01, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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“ Brad was my family's pastor at Merrillville Christian Church. One wonderful memory of mine is the day he renewed my parents' wedding vows. In the years after that, he remained a close family friend. He was a great influence on my life as a Christian. Brad touched so many lives and helped so many people. He was truly a wonderful Christian man. He will always be remembered and missed. My deepest condolences go out to Dee, his children, grandchildren, and other family members.

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**Lori Patterson (Tropa)** - October 31, 2017 at 07:50 AM