



## Clarence A. Cox

June 16, 1934 - July 5, 2014

Clarence Abraham Cox went to be with the Lord on July 5, 2014.

Clarence, son of the late Mabel Cox Barnes and the late Abraham Spence was born in Chester, Pennsylvania on June 16, 1934. He attended schools in Chester as a child before moving to Baltimore, Maryland. As a young man, Clarence was confirmed and baptized as a member of St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church where he attended and served faithfully for over forty years. He attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School where he participated in track and field, football and wrestling. Clarence graduated from Dunbar High School in 1954, and entered the United States Air Force as a supply specialist. He also played football for his Air Force squadron team. Clarence received an honorable discharge from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey in August 1958.

On his 22nd birthday, June 16, 1956, Clarence married the love of his life, Viola Johnson, and they enjoyed a blessed union before God for fifty-eight years. Their union produced a son, Carlton, and a daughter Karen.

Clarence worked various jobs throughout Baltimore, until he

gained long-term employment with the Social Security Administration in October 1959. During his time with SSA, Clarence served as a union representative, and bowled in the Tuesday Bowling League in Woodlawn. After thirty-three years of service, Clarence retired from SSA in 1990.

Clarence was a devoted husband, dedicated father and diligent community activist. Clarence loved traveling with Viola, and bowling in the Saturday Night Bowling League in Towson. Clarence enjoyed talking sports with his son and grandson. He found great delight in family outings with his favorite girls.

Clarence served for numerous years in a variety of roles at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. He was a part of various choirs, served as Vacation Bible School superintendent, the Boy Scout Program, church council member, Lutheran Men in Mission, and laity assistant. Clarence also served as the church historian chairman and sat on the 2008 planning committee for the rededication service for St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Clarence also enjoyed attending the Maryland Senate Assembly for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod as a representative. Clarence remained a faithful contributor until he could no longer serve.

During Clarence's younger years, Clarence was a diligent community activist. Clarence served his local community, the Park Heights area, as the President of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation for two terms from 1971 to 1975, and 1975 to 1979. During his time there he was a member of the Baltimore Task Force of the National Urban Coalition's "Say Yes to a Youngster's Future". Clarence was also a part of the Lower Park Heights Community Council as a board member, and the President of The Strand Improvement Association. His involvement with the Park Heights Improvement Association

included being a scout leader for the Strand/Edgecombe Community. His community involvement extended to being President of the PTA of Edgecombe Circle Elementary School, and Calverton Junior High School, where his children attended school. Clarence was a part of the Pimlico School Plan, which was involved in the law suit against the State of Maryland for equal funding for Baltimore City Schools.

In his later years, Clarence battled with diabetes. He was the recipient of an experimental double organ transplant procedure at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and had impeccable medical care provided by Dr. Edward Kraus. Clarence was diligent in maintaining his health and thankful to God for sustaining him another twenty years through the gift of life from an organ donor. He served as a mentor to pending organ transplant recipients. Clarence A. Cox was a man of faith, who trusted God, and received many miracles of healing. Clarence received his ultimate healing when he met his Lord and Savior at the heavenly gates on July 5, 2014 at 8:46 p.m.

Gone before Clarence are brother Norman Cox and sister Edmonia (Dolly) Johnson. Clarence is survived by: his devoted and faithful wife, Viola; his two children, Carlton Cox and Karen Hawes; two grandchildren and their spouses, Monique McNeil (Nathan), and Reginald Hawes Jr. (Christina); two great-granddaughters, Trinity Tribbett, Jaylynn Hawes, and one step great granddaughter Korynn Davidson. He also leaves to cherish: one daughter-in-law, Wanda Watson Cox; one dear aunt, Gladys Monroe; three sister-in-laws, Thelma Tanner, Ruth McBride, and Bessie Johnson; two brother-in-laws, Hebert Johnson, and North Johnson. His continuing family tree also extends to five nephews, eleven nieces, and a host of great nephews and nieces he cherished as well. Clarence also leaves a host

of dear friends, church family members and life-long neighbors.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 15. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

JUL 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Phillips Lutheran Church  
501 N. Caroline Street  
Balto, MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Clarence A. Cox

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 5yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

**Ms Springer** - July 21, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ Judy and Scott Fettner made a donation in loving memory of Clarence A. Cox, to Donate Life Maryland. Their donation will help thousands of individuals awaiting life-saving transplants.

**Judy Fettner** - July 15, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ Thelma, Yolanda, Yvonne, Ernie, Kendall, and Haley purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Clarence A. Cox.



**Thelma, Yolanda, Yvonne, Ernie, Kendall, and Haley** - July 14, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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“ *REST IN THE LORD UNTIL YOU ARE AWAKEN IN HIS (THE LORD) LIKING UNCLE CLARENCE.*

*Hebrews 13:14-For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.*

*WHAT A HAPPY TIME:*

*Sorrow often meet us here, burdens press us so  
And the way is hard to see that we have to go  
But we press along in faith to our home above  
Letting Jesus lead us on resting in His love  
What a happy time twill be  
When we all get home  
Over by the crystal sea never more to roam  
In the homeland of the soul where the joybells chime  
Singing while the ages roll WHAT A HAPPY TIME*

*Submitted by: Joseph Patterson(nephew)*

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**Joseph Patterson** - July 14, 2014 at 07:25 AM

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“ *We at Flaming Fire Fellowship Church are sending you our deepest heartfelt sympathy and love. We understand that this is a time of sorrow ,sadness and reflection with mixed emotions. But God gives you his help and strength. May the memories of your loved one give you joy. Our prayers of comfort and peace are with you.  
"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"  
Matthew 5:4 Reverend Joyce A. Phillips, Pastor*

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**Joyce A. Phillips** - July 12, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 09, 2014 at 11:22 AM