



## Marie Elizabeth Cox

October 1, 1941 - February 8, 2020

Marie Elizabeth Cox of Budd Lake, NJ passed away in Tennessee on February 8, 2020 surrounded by her family. She was born in Caldwell, NJ on October 1, 1941 and was 78 years old. She was a loving wife and mother, and beloved grandmother and great grandmother who cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She was also a surrogate mother to her husband's siblings, Elaine Walters, Karen Burke, and Roger Cox. She grew up in Caldwell, NJ and was married to Jackie D. Cox. Marie lived her life as a selfless woman, always putting the needs of others before her own and always opened her home to anyone as a place to gather or find refuge. She enjoyed crime dramas, puzzles, video games, bird watching, gardening, and a good argument. She also leaves behind two cats whom she adored, Princess Autumn and Winnie-Kai.

A memorial celebration will be held at a later time in New Jersey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie D. Cox, parents, John A. and Frieda C. Spelker Ruch, and siblings, Zita Robson, Kathleen Palmieri, and John Ruch.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia A. Cox and significant other, Henry Miller of Basking Ridge, NJ, daughter, Denise E. Lewis and husband Dave of Moyock, NC, daughter, Theresa L. Ivy and husband Roger of Pulaski, TN, daughter, Jacqueline D. Cox and husband Bill Ruddy of Newton, NJ, son, Michael A. Cox and wife Ganeane of Millstone, NJ, 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Tommy, Rebecca, Alex, Taylor, Belle, Rachel, Billy, Sarah, and Jack, 2 great

grandchildren, Tommy and Wyatt, and brother, Richard Ruch.  
Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of  
arrangements for Marie Elizabeth Cox.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many happy memories of Marie, she was a very caring person, who I always enjoyed spending time with. I remember the wonderful times and laughter I spent with her and her family. She always welcomed me at any time. I am thankful for the time I was able to spend with her last year. I will truly miss her. Danny Lewis

Vicky Lewis - February 17, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Marie's passing. I have so many cherished memories of times at the house in Budd Lake. Your parents always welcomed me-dinners, sleepovers, playing games. A piece of my childhood leaves with a Marie ❤️ My thoughts & prayers are with all of you

Debbie - February 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

VC

“ Love you Marie

Vonnie Cox - February 15, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ My dear Cousins,. I am so sorry for the loss of Aunt Marie. My memories of her are only pleasant memories. I loved it when we were on a 30 day leave and came out to your dad and mom's house. I am so glad I got to visit with her on an adult level when I came to New Jersey for Uncle Jim's funeral. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I really loved visiting with her, she was a super lady. Love all of you very much. Love Tammy

Tammy Cox Browne - February 14, 2020 at 08:36 PM