



## Willie Emmett Cox

June 18, 1950 - January 30, 2021

### OBITUARY

(The Perfect Play)

It was a Sunday on June 18, 1950, in Alexandria, Virginia, when I kicked my way into this world. I was told that everyone loved the 6- pound, 5-ounce bouncing baby boy named Willie Emmett Cox whom my parents, Emmett and Mildred O. (Copeland) Cox, placed in the end zone.

Under my mother's guidance, I accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Rev. Harvard M. Chapman, Pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gum Springs, Alexandria, VA. I was also raised in Gum Springs, where I attended Fairfax County Public Schools and graduated from Fort Hunt High School in 1968. After attending Northern Virginia Community College for two years, I secured a job, rather than completing my degree. My adulthood began. When my job relocated to Prince Frederick, MD, I met Fern Holland, the back-up quarterback on my team. Although the relationship did not last, a new center joined the team, my son, Derian Will Cox.

I was a die-hard NFL football fan, and on game day during football season, everyone knew where to find me – watching football. As a devoted and avid Redskins fan (now Washington Football Team), I was pretty reasonable about questionable calls, but if a bad call was made on the football field, watch out! Hail to the Redskins! or Let's go Skins! is what I shouted until the end. Good or bad, win or lose, I loved my football team.

In addition to my love for the burgundy and gold, I also loved to play golf and sport my Adidas outfits. Spending time with my family meant it was tailgate time! Tailgate was year-round. While I tackled various challenges, struggles and turnovers, the encouraging words from my family pushed me to persevere scoring several two-point conversions. My loving family's faith in God was strong and motivated me each and every day.

On January 30, 2021, I scored my last touchdown, with no penalties, and the field goal

kick was good, so I received the extra point, eternal life! And now comes the hard part, the part in my playbook that touches my heart. Time for me to tell you about all my beloved family and friends that I leave behind to celebrate my life and our memories. My son, Derian Will Cox of Prince Frederick, MD; mother, Mildred O. Cox of Alexandria, VA; two sisters, Veronica Cox of Indianapolis, IN, and Queen Cox of Alexandria, VA; one brother, Barrymore C. Cox of Las Vegas, NV; a favorite nephew, George (Saara) Cox of Spencer, MA; favorite niece, Tamioka Cox of Upper Marlboro, MD; two great nephews, Jordan E. Cox of Spencer, MA, and Kaion Cox of Upper Marlboro, MD; two great nieces, Delaney M. Cox of Spencer, MA, and Taiyah Cox of Upper Marlboro, MD; special friends, Tony Mack (Faye) of Ft. Washington, MD; John Locke of Clinton, MD; Robert Singletary of Alexandria, VA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Dear loved ones and friends, my legacy lives on in your hearts, shed some tears if you must, but know that I am doing fine.

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - February 03 at 03:58 PM



“ On behalf of my family & I, I'd like to send our heartfelt condolences for your loss to: My Aunt Mildred for loss of your son, Cousins for a loss of your brother to the children for your loss of your father & loss to all other family to Willie Cox. You will be greatly missed, in our memory and forever loved but not forgotten! RIP Cousin Willie, No more pain or worries! Sincerely, Catherine Copeland & Family

**Catherine Copeland-Cousin** - February 07 at 02:53 PM

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“ This is Sheila McDowell Yarbough. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my long time friend (Home Boy) and Dance Partner, Willie!!! Willie was funny and an excellent hand dancers. Back in the day, if we were at the same party, we would always be on the floor hand dancing. My prayers and thoughts are with Ms Mildred, Veronica, Queenie, Barry, his son and the entire family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this most difficult time. Blessings to you All!!!

**Sheila McDowell Yarbough** - February 08 at 01:57 AM

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“ Hearing of your passing put a dent in Anthony's and mine Roxanne's lives. We will miss our Get togethers with you and Delores. I'll miss you being my partner. So many years and it seems like a flash. Rest Easy dear brother. We have some loving and hilarious memories that we will cherish. Our condolences to Derian, Delores (Dee) and your family.

**Mr & Mrs Anthony & Roxanne Parker** - February 07 at 01:07 PM

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“ Willie was a wonderful person to know. He kept you laughing all the time. He loved his son. And spoke about him often. If you knew Willie you knew you had a great friend. My husband Wayne and I will miss him.

**Brenda morris** - February 07 at 09:43 AM

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“ Funny Story from Audrey Holland Smith... I always thought Willie was a cool guy, but he always seemed to avoid me or act like I was not there. One day while I was visiting at his Mom's home he came through. I spoke, he spoke and as he got to the door I asked him, Willie Did I do something to you when we were growing up because you never seemed to like me and would never talk to me? He said, No Audrey you never did anything to me, but Larry Gilmore said you belonged to him and we could not talk to you. I said, Wow that is news to me. I cannot punch him in the face for that lie because he is already dead. Mother Cox, Veronica, Queenie, Willie and I all got a good laugh from that, and he told all of us Catch you later.

**Audrey Smith** - February 06 at 02:52 PM

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“ Dear Cousin Willie,

Rest in God's loving arms where everyday is beautiful peace and comfort.  
No worries about Banana Pudding when your Mom make it, i will eat enough for me and you. Love Brenda Parks-Kelly

**Brenda Parks-Kelly** - February 06 at 12:24 PM

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“ I remember the years of fun and laughter when I visited Deloris and Will at there home. My condolences to the Cox family. RIP my brother.

**Dana Wellman** - February 06 at 08:51 AM

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“ Norma, Norwood and Gregory Holland purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Willie Emmett Cox.



Norma, Norwood and Gregory Holland - February 05 at 12:33 PM

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“ Willie and I traveled Fort Hunt HS homeroom together. He made us all laugh often. He was full of life and kind. Condolences to the family.

Kitty (Corbin) Ahmad

Catherine Ahmad (KITTY Corbin) - February 05 at 10:22 AM

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“ I worked with Will for 30 plus years , from the beginning he was someone you instantly became friends with . We spent time together after hours playing cards , pool sometimes it was a game of quarters but he loved to compete and joke around. We played jokes on one another to make our day go by and there were times he got the better of me and can hear his laugh and his smack talk . He made the daily drudgery bearable and was more than a coworker, more than a friend , a brother .

Charles Grubby - February 05 at 05:28 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Emmett Cox.



February 04 at 05:10 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie Emmett Cox.



February 03 at 08:27 PM