



## Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox

November 24, 1918 - July 2, 2020

Ida Belle Penn-Cox, daughter of the late Vester Penn and Laura Finney, and stepdaughter of Minnie Hughes Penn, was born Sunday, November 24, 1918, in Mt. Airy, NC.

She was educated in a one-room school in Surry County, North Carolina. Ida was an exceptional homemaker and a dedicated childcare provider to both family and friends. She also served as a caregiver for her sister-in-law, Cathleen Cox Robinson, for 15 years.

Ida loved to crochet and made afghans for her children, grandchildren, family and friends. She was also an excellent quilter and pillow maker. She baked delicious pound cakes, pies, cookies, homemade rolls and biscuits that were enjoyed by her family and friends.

She was a faithful member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton for over 75 years where she served on the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Trustee Board.

At the age of 101, Ida transitioned into eternal life on Thursday, July 2, 2020, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Payne Nathaniel Cox Sr.; her parents and stepmother; her siblings, Delia, Dovie, Cossie, Foy, Troy, Chester, Versie, Gertrude, Lillie and Lou Ada. Coming from a blended family her step-siblings were Haley

Anne, Lillian, Betty, Jim, Walter, Alice, Edith, Ruthie, Zachariah, Hezekiah, Sam Hoston, Ethel and Buster.

She leaves to celebrate her life and carry on her legacy her four children, Etheleen Tunson, Louvenia Dovie Banks (Joseph), Payne Nathaniel Cox Jr. (Christine) and Deborah Cox. Loving memories will also be cherished by her nine grandchildren, Deitre Lynne Johnson (Raymond), Gregg F. Cox (Margo), Natrina Denise Cox, James Brickus Sr. (Amanda), Alan Tunson, Michael Tunson (Marsha), Joanne J. Banks (Michael), Wayne McNeil, Alicia Miller (Jay); her ten great-grandchildren, Trey Cox, Shayla Cox, James Brickus Jr., Bryson Payne Brickus, Khaden Tunson, Tesahe Tunson, Dahlia Edwards, Alana Edwards, Adrienne Edwards and Jayla Miller; as well as a host of loving relatives and friends.

Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to her church, The First Baptist Church of Steelton, 1850 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

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# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road  
Annaville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

JUL 9. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

## Viewing

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox*



**Wallace Funeral Directors** - July 08, 2020 at 02:52 PM

UB

*Bless you Ms Cox, RIH.*

**Ulonda Beaty** - July 09, 2020 at 01:54 PM

LJ

*Loved service*

**LaRenna Penn Jones** - July 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM

ES

*The Homegoing Service for Mrs. Cox was so moving - fit for the queen she has been. Those who knew her best had the best testimony of her life. It is amazing that she was born during a pandemic and left us during a pandemic and yet was not directly affected by either of the pandemics - nothing but the goodness of God.*

*Emogene Johnson Smith - Stoughton, MA*

**Emogene Johnson Smith** - July 09, 2020 at 07:38 PM

DH

*My prayers go out to Miss Ida's family in this your time of grief. My God give you strength to endure your loss, especially in this challenging environment. Big hug to you Deb and your other family members. Be strong!*

*Doris Holness, Randolph, MA o2368*

**Doris Holness** - July 11, 2020 at 04:52 PM

LJ

“ *LaRenna Penn Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox*



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**LaRenna Penn Jones** - July 10, 2020 at 07:36 AM

GE

“ *Gloria East lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox*



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**Gloria East** - July 09, 2020 at 10:03 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Tanfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox*



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**Patricia tanfield** - July 09, 2020 at 06:40 PM

EB

“ *Ernestine Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox*



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**Ernestine Banks** - July 09, 2020 at 04:17 PM

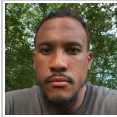
DH

“ My condolences to the Cox family. She will be truly missed.

*Darrell Hawkins and Shayla Diggs*



Darrell Hawkins - July 09, 2020 at 01:18 PM



*I'm going to miss ida Cox*

Geoffrey Williams - July 09, 2020 at 04:00 PM

LJ

“ The service was absolutely beautiful. We love you all, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️🙏



Lizzie Penn James - July 09, 2020 at 01:07 PM

BT

“ Sincere condolences to the entire family.

*Beverly Bowman Thomas and Family*

Beverly Bowman Thomas - July 09, 2020 at 12:32 PM

GB

“ Sister Ida Cox: Could lift your spirit just being in her presence. A quiet, loving, beautiful, spiritual person. Always kind and giving. I will miss seeing her in that special seat at TFBC. Peace... Deacon Geraldine Butler.



Gerri Butler - July 09, 2020 at 10:48 AM

LV

“ *Etheleen, louvenia, Nathan and Deborah I'm going to Miss Mom her sweet smile and spirit. She 's gone on to be one of God' s Angels and will be looking after us from the Heaven's above. You're in my thoughts, heart and prayers and I'm sorry that I couldn't be there with you. Remember that when God shuts a door he always opens a window. With deepest and sincerest sympathy. LaVerne*

La Verne - July 09, 2020 at 10:18 AM

GH

“ *I will miss seeing you sitting in front of me on Sunday Mornings, Rest in Peace Mrs. Cox*

Gloria L, Hamm - July 09, 2020 at 08:51 AM

PS

“ *Aunt Ida you will surely be missed by me. I loved you from the time moment I met you as a new niece. You were always so sweet and kind to me. Your quiet spirit always reminded of my mother's. May you rest peacefully in a God's arms. Family, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Perrise Saluhdin & Family*

Perrise Saluhdin - July 09, 2020 at 12:03 AM

GC

*Aunt Ida your sweet spirit always reminded me of my own mother. Kind, loving always sporting a big smile. I don't recall a single time visiting that your hospitality did not shine. Oooh, that pound cake!!! Thank you for sharing your recipe. I will always remember you and your sweet smile. I think it's time to bake a pound cake and you will be right there with me.*

*Gwen Cox-Porter & Family*

Gwen Cox-Porter - July 09, 2020 at 11:55 AM

FM

“ *Condolences to the family.*



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**Faye Moore** - July 08, 2020 at 10:11 PM

WJ

“ *To The Family of Mrs. Ida Belle Cox,*

*Our hearts grieve with you at the transition of your beloved mother, grandmother and sweet-spirited Child of God. Her gentle spirit, loving words of encouragement and kind deeds shall live on in each of us who knew and were blessed by her. we shal continue to pray for your comfort and peace.*

*In Christ's Love,*

*Drs. W.Braxton & Iris H. Cooley, Dea. William Cooley Jr, Mr. Wayne Codner*

*& Dr. Anjilla Cooly Codner*

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**William Cooley Jr** - July 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM

WH

“ *With Love and Prayer, Eldred and Tanya Hall purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox.*



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**With Love and Prayer, Eldred and Tanya Hall** - July 08, 2020 at 04:59 PM

MC

“ Margaret Conner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox



Margaret Conner - July 08, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox.



July 08, 2020 at 09:36 AM

NF

“ May the light of Mrs. Ida Belle Cox continue to shine in your hearts. Praise God for an amazing life, well loved and celebrated connected to the true vine producing fruit that will last generations to come and eternally. Please accept our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you family and will miss Mrs. Cox. We rejoice in her presence with the Lord forever resting in total peace. Sorrowfully,  
Ms. Denise Johnson & family



Niecy, Tampa, FL - July 08, 2020 at 04:56 AM

CN

“ She was such a beautiful person and loved serving the Lord. First Baptist has lost a faithful and dedicated saint 🙏

Colleen Nash - July 07, 2020 at 11:20 PM

JT

“ To the immediate families of Mrs. Ida:  
(Etheleen, Louvenia, Payne Nathaniel and Deborah)  
I have precious memories of good times growing up under the  
careful and watchful eyes of your mother. She is a gem to always  
be cherished in your hearts. She was also a mother to  
neighborhood children. She made the best sweets and cakes,  
always sharing.  
Crossing the highway was no problem when she was around. Her  
front porch was a gathering place. I will miss her at family reunions.  
Be proud that you shared such a long time with such a wonderful  
mother. My prayers are with you. I will always love you all.  
" God hath promised Strength for the day.  
Rest for the Labor, Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials, Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy...Undying Love..."  
Pastor Emeritus of Mount Moriah Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Juanita Bowman Tatum, formerly of Steelton,  
now residing in NC and FL.

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**Juanita Bowman Tatum** - July 07, 2020 at 11:11 PM

 Laura  
Fetridge

“ Dear Etheleen, Alan, Michael and family, I know Ida Belle was  
beloved by all of your family and you will miss her dearly. Her  
obituary is a testament to the full life she lived and the many lives  
she touched.

You will be in my thoughts as you grieve and celebrate Ida's life. I  
hope you draw strength from the circle of family and friends  
surrounding you during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy, Laura Schupp Fetridge

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**Laura Fetridge** - July 06, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox.*



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July 06, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sharon King and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Ida Belle Penn Cox.*



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**Sharon King and Family** - July 06, 2020 at 07:36 PM