



## Betty Jean Cox

February 20, 1941 - March 7, 2026

Betty Jean Cox, 85, of Troy, Missouri, went home to the Lord on Saturday, March 7, 2026, surrounded by love at the Mercy Hospital in Washington, Missouri. She was born on February 20, 1941, in St. Louis, Missouri, and was chosen to be the daughter of Frank P. and Frances A. (Hobson) Rueweler. Betty met a young man by the name of Russell D. Cox through some friends, and shortly thereafter, they were married on April 7, 1973, in High Hill, Missouri.

Betty attended grade school at the Central Elementary School in St. Charles. She graduated from Francis Howell High School in 1960 and continued her education at Curry Beauty College in St. Charles. In her earlier years, she worked various jobs. Ms. Betty was never at an idle, she worked at a bank from 1982 until 2008. She then decided it was time to serve her community in 2009 as Public Administrator, and she retired as the Lincoln County Public Administrator in 2016. With a passion to serve, she immediately started as an office assistant and funeral assistant with Kemper-Marsh-Millard Funeral Home and was the driving force behind it becoming Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel. Betty was a familiar face on the Lincoln County Fair Board, where she served as treasurer for 12 years, receiving the Friend of the Lincoln County Fair Award in 2018. She was also an active board member for the Lincoln County Council of Aging and a member of the Lincoln County Democrat Club.

Prior to COVID, Betty was a faithful member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Not only was Betty passionate about her community, but she also had a vigor for life. She enjoyed tending to flower beds and taking care of the birds, especially her hummingbirds. The birds provided entertainment for Betty and Russell in their later years, but prior to growing older, they enjoyed dancing. Traveling to numerous dance halls and dances, they could be found "cutting a rug" with their friends. Betty had a special place in her heart for cats. In her earlier years, she spent many hours at the bowling alley, playing on a team. She was very active in the community with Russell, and they could be found at every civic fundraiser and eating breakfast or dinner with their dear friends. Betty loved to travel and could have her bags packed at a moment's notice to go on another adventure.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Russell D. Cox of Troy, MO; two step-sons: Dennis Cox of Troy, MO and Bennett "Buddy" Cox of Hawk Point, MO; one sister, Frances Solivic; one brother, John Rueweler (Margie); grandchildren: Heather Springman, Elaine Duff (Greg) and Jason Cox (Cassie); great-grandchildren: Tyler Springman, Aston Springman, Wyatt Cox and Mason Cox; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Frances Rueweler and two brothers: Jerry Rueweler and James "Jim" Rueweler.

Family and friends will be received from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. Interment will be held at the Old Alexandria Cemetery in Troy, MO. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## Old Alexandria Cemetery

87 Old Alexandria Road  
Troy, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy  
351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
(636) 528-8221  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Betty you will be so missed, my friend. Enjoyed our many conversations at Zadocks or Sami's. Rest in peace knowing you were very much loved and will not be forgotten.

Tammy Miller - March 14 at 04:41 PM

RC

“ Betty Cox was one of the nicest people we have ever known. She was all heart and soul and a dear friend. She was a gift to all who knew her. My husband and I enjoyed seeing Betty and Russell together anytime we saw them out and about. The two of them always looked so happy. Sending sympathy to Russell and to their families. Mike and Regina Creech, Troy.

Regina Creech - March 14 at 12:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cox.



March 13 at 02:21 PM

HR

“ Will miss Betty so much prayers for family

Helen Riney - March 12 at 03:56 PM

LO

“ *Lincoln County Fair Board and Officers purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Betty Jean Cox.*



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**Lincoln County Fair Board and Officers** - March 12 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ *I am so very sorry for your Loss! Miss Betty was a special and gracious lady, and she will be missed! Prayers for your Comfort and Peace at this difficult time.*

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**Jennifer Hudson** - March 09 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ *What a very special lady, she will be missed, prayers for Russell and family.*

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**Jerry and Christina Burton** - March 08 at 11:32 PM

TC

“ *Condolences and prayers to everyone that knew Betty. She was an amazing neighbor and always had a twinkle in her eye. Betty, thanks for being you and loving your community so much. You will definitely be missed.*



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**Tina Clayton** - March 08 at 05:28 PM

DH

“ Russell and family. So sorry to hear of Bettys passing. She was a joy to know and we had a lot of laughs. Our prayers are with you all. She had a full life.

DeLane and Debbie Hammett - March 08 at 04:15 PM

PF

“ Palomar Crop Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Jean Cox.



Palomar Crop Family - March 08 at 02:41 PM

PF

“ Palomar Crop Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jean Cox.

Palomar Crop Family - March 08 at 02:41 PM

DW

“ Dear family, so very sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was the sweetest lady, always a beautiful smile. She will be missed by many.

Debbie Worsley - March 08 at 02:25 PM

MF

Such a sweet soul! And definitely will be missed by many. Sorry to hear of this great loss. Sending condolences to the Cox family and her many friends.

Mallory Fieweger - March 08 at 02:44 PM

AM

*Sincerest sympathy to Betty's family and wide circle of loving friends. Betty will be missed by many.*

**Ann Mordt** - March 08 at 03:47 PM

CR

*Betty was a wonderful lady. We became friends when she and Russell bought my home. They were a sweet couple and we quickly became friends. Sending condolences to the Cox family.*

**Carol Roberson** - March 11 at 01:18 PM

CH

*Betty was such a sweet lady, I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Charlene Hale** - March 13 at 04:02 PM

KA

*Sorry for your loss. I enjoy seeing Betty at the restaurant or at the store. She was so friendly and sweet soul.*

*Karen Cox*

**karen** - March 16 at 10:53 AM