

# Sergeant Robert Dean Cox (1941-2021)

Robert was born September 16, 1941 in Middletown to Merle and Margie (Purvis) Cox.



After high school, at the age of 17, and just before our involvement in Vietnam, Robert enlisted into the military. He served in both the United States Army and Navy and was honorably discharged from each.

He then joined the Middletown Police Department as a Patrolman. He was later promoted to Sergeant and served as such until he retired.

Sergeant Cox died on February 27, 2021 at Otterbein Hospice at the age of 79.

He was predeceased by his son, Robert Dean (Bobby) Cox, Jr. (2017) and siblings, Roger Cox, William Cox, Bill Cox, and Diane Pate. Sergeant Cox is survived by his daughters, Stephanie Virginia (Troy) Baker and Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" (Mark) Woods; grandchildren, Tyler (Victoria) Baker, Brady Baker, Lucas Baker, Hilliary Woods, and Madelline Woods; a great-grandson, Wade Elliot Robert Baker (born one day after his death), brothers, Russell Cox and Joseph Cox; and cousin, Fred Purvis.

Visitation will be held 12 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Breitenbach Anderson Funeral Home at 517 South Sutphin Street in Middletown. A memorial service will follow with Pastor Kim Arnold officiating. The Middletown Police Honor Guard and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard will be present. His remains will be committed at sea by the United States Navy.