



# Robert Cox

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**R**obert Doyle Cox of Germantown, Tennessee, or R.D. as his wife often called him, passed away Sunday morning September 24, 2017. He was born in Vian, Oklahoma September 22, 1926 to Garland. G. Cox and Callie Brackett Cox. He enlisted in the army in 1944 and was stationed in the Philippines. Mr. Cox studied law at Oklahoma University and began practicing law in Oklahoma. He was recalled by the army to serve in the JAG core in 1952. After being honorably discharged he attended Duke University and earned his Master of Laws degree. He began working at Eastman Kodak in Kingsport, Tn where he met his future wife, Mary Ann Tabor. They married in 1955 and moved to Oklahoma where he taught law at Oklahoma University. He was hired as the Dean of the new Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at Memphis State University in 1962. Mr. Cox was Dean from 1962-1977. After retiring as dean, Mr. Cox continued teaching at the law school for many years. Mr. Cox enjoyed playing the piano, gardening, sailing , and spending time at Greers Ferry lake with his wife and his dogs. He is survived by his wife of 62 years and many nieces and nephews. His family greatly appreciates the excellent care he received while living at The Village of Germantown and all they did to elevate his quality of life. The visitation will be on Monday, October 2 at 9:00am and the funeral at 10:00am at Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to The Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law or to the Bill Graham Foundation



## Tribute Wall

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BB

**Bill Brackett** posted:

This post is very late about Robert, but I being his cousin Bil Bracktt, felt like he would have wanted it for historical reason. All of the Brackett cousins are Cherokee, as was Robert. His mother Callie Brackett was born in Vian Oklahoma, before statehood and was enrolled by the Dawes Commision in 1904 with the Cherokee enrollment #2342. The Brackett family moved to this area of the Cherokee Nation between 1832-!834 after signing the removal roll of 1832 in the old Cherokee Nation of Georgia.

April 15 at 8:10 AM

J1

**Jeffrey C. Taylor Class Of 1988** posted:

Professor Cox was the guru of Property Law and an excellent professor. He was always respectful and kind to us students- adding a sufficient amount of humor to make cases and legal concepts interesting. He went out of his way to make sure his students were prepared for the final semester year end exam- with the famous and appreciated- RD Cox review class – covering the highlights of the final exam to come. Thank you Prof. Cox, for helping so may law students. God bless Dr. Cox and his family.

October 3 at 3:49 PM

JT

**John & Jeannie Tabor** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Aunt Mary Ann during this time. Robert will be dearly missed by his family and friends. God Bless.

October 3 at 12:20 PM

DS

**Diane Spears** posted:

I was a student of Dean Cox first in 1976. I remember him so well as a precise teacher with a sense of humor. I suspect that, by then, he had seen it all in terms of law students. In later years, when I occasionally saw him, he was always gracious. I am sorry for your loss of such a good and nice person in this life.

October 1 at 2:57 PM



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