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SAMUEL A. COX, JR., died February 18, 2014 at the age of 96. He was born on February 3, 1918 in New Orleans, LA to the late Agnes M. Barilleaux and Samuel A. Cox, Sr. He graduated from Warren Eastern High School and attended Tulane University. He married Audrey G. Ackermann on February 8, 1942 at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, and they remained happily married for a remarkable 72 years. One of the "Ghost Mountain Boys" of the New Guinea campaign of World War II, he was one of its few survivors. After his honorable discharge from the Army, his military records were destroyed in a fire; after many years and extensive efforts to reconstruct records of his service in 2001, Senator Fred Thompson awarded Sam a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for valor in the Pacific at a ceremony that was held at the Peabody Hotel. Sam and Audrey moved to Memphis, TN in 1955 where they established a thriving business, Alert Terminal Warehouse, that today is a third generation family enterprise. Sam loved spending time at the beach and at his and Audrey's lake house at Pickwick; he was an accomplished hunter and fisherman, teaching his sons and grandchildren those skills. He was a good man, always kind and patient, with an endless reserve of common sense and realism. Ever a gentleman, he was extremely protective of and devoted to his wife and family. Outgoing and gregarious, he loved people and they invariably loved him in return. Sam was a member of the International Warehouseman's and Logistics Association, the Memphis Warehouseman's Association, the Southeastern Warehouseman's Association, and the Memphis Traffic Club. He was also Flotilla Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Church of the Holy Spirit. He was also active in Boy Scouts of America. He was loved by his family and many friends and will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by his wife Audrey, his sons, Samuel A. Cox III, Robert W. Cox (Karen), and Timothy J. Cox; by his grandchildren, Samuel A. Cox IV (Lalla), Caroline A. Cox (Galen Gower) and



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Kevin W. Cox; and by his great-grandchildren, Jackson Cox and Addison Cox, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the International Children's Heart foundation. They are also deeply grateful to the hospice staff and to the caregivers, and for the pastoral care received from the Church of the Holy Spirit. the family will receive visitors on Friday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 22 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Dr., Memphis, TN, with entombment to follow in Memorial Park Mausoleum. The funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall"



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Memorial Park posted:

I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw was purchased for the family of Samuel A. Cox, Jr. .

February 22 at 7:25 AM

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Memorial Park posted:

Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Samuel A. Cox, Jr. .

February 19 at 5:24 AM



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