



## Gene Cox

June 5, 2009

Gene Edward Cox, 64, of Hot Springs, passed away holding his wife's hand on Friday, June 5, 2009 at his home. He was born December 3, 1944 in Independence, Kansas to Earnest and Billie Cox.

A graduate of Pampa High School in Pampa, Texas and Texas Wesleyan University in Ft. Worth, Texas. Gene moved to Hot Springs in 1976 where he worked for Community Counseling Services as the Chief Financial Officer until his retirement in 1996.

Gene would say "I have had a blessed life." He played trumpet for the Hot Springs Community Band and was a founding member and general manager for The Stardust Swing Band. Among Gene's other accomplishments he had his private pilots license, and he loved scuba diving and golf!

Cancer may have shortened his life, but it also provided him with an opportunity to reunite with his children after a long separation, and he felt very blessed to have that short but precious time with them.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Cox; his children, Kevin Porche of San Angelo, TX, Lynle Pressley of Rogers, AR and Neva Eads of Hot Springs; nine grandchildren, one great grandchild and sister, Vickie Ramos of Pampa, TX.

A celebration of Gene's life will include visitation 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Monday, June 8, 2009 at Hot Springs Funeral Home and a Memorial service will be 1:00 P.M. Tuesday at Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel with Farrel Hall and Gary Thornton officiating.

His earthly remains will be cremated.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Thomas Hollis, Dr. Thomas Hollis Jr., and Dr. Shauna Lucas and the St. Joseph East Clinic Staff, as well as the Ryder Truck Golf Champions and the Bismarck First Baptist Church men's class.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Farrel and Wanda Hall and Toni Efird.

Arrangements are by Hot Springs Funeral Home.