



Julius Jesse "Jake" Cox III

June 13, 1947 - December 28, 2016

Julius Jesse Cox III, known to all as Jake, passed away December 28, 2016. He is survived by his loving companion, Mary Carver, his daughter Kelley Cox Garner and her husband Jake Garner, his cherished granddaughters Caroline and Molly, his brother Burton Cox and his wife Patricia Collins, sisters Frannie Cox and Flo Cox Blackburn, as well as beloved nieces and nephews and their families. Service information will follow in the coming weeks.

Born in Marianna, FL on June 13, 1947, Jake was the eldest and most boisterous of the six children of Reverend Julius Jesse Cox II and Ruth "Sweetie" Heath Cox. He was followed immediately by a twin brother, Burton Heath, and subsequently by Frances Ann, Christian Gillis, Floranelle and Daniel Angus.

After moving to Tallahassee, Jake became a proud graduate of Leon High School Class of 1965 and later earned an Accounting degree from Florida State University. Never moving away from the Tallahassee area, Jake was a fixture in the community. He was a faithful employee at the Florida Department of Revenue for over 35 years before retiring in 2007 while also serving the community as a volunteer EMT for many years. Jake's well-established small business providing bartending services suited his larger than life personality, made him a welcome sight at countless events and led to many long-lasting friendships.

Jake enjoyed a peaceful retirement by a pond near Havana, with Mary, their dog Zoie, cat Grayson and neighbors loved like family. They enjoyed traveling,

but nothing matched the pleasure they took in family and friends. Jake Cox was a mighty man; enormous in personality and exuberant in love with the gift for making everyone around him feel special.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Moon
1105 East Lafayette Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dear Family:
Please accept our heartfelt condolences to your family. Death of a loved one is a painful emotion as well as a situation we all face. Fortunately, our Heavenly Father has a solution. The Bible assures us that “Your dead one will live....they will rise up.” (Isaiah 26:19) May this promise, the promise that our Heavenly Father is near to those broken at heart, and the precious memories of your loved one be a comfort to you during this time of sorrow. (Psalm 34:18)
Our Deepest Sympathies,
The Webb Family

JWeb - January 04, 2017 at 06:39 PM

AH

“ Anna B Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Julius Jesse "Jake" Cox III



Anna B Highsmith - January 04, 2017 at 08:01 AM

SC

“ I've known "Jake the snake from Compass Lake" since he moved to town. Larger than life he was. Of all my memories my best was he told me "he loved me".

Bye brother Jake I'll see you on the other side. Sid .

Sid Cooper - January 04, 2017 at 06:41 AM

KM

Back to you Jake my man with the plan. Always trusted since we were 8 running around town against all rules with a smile big as a Havana moon . God the stories we told and the lies we lived against the tide . Cried a few times too. Love you big man. Kenny M.

Ken Mingledorff - January 04, 2017 at 11:19 AM

AP

“ *So very sorry to read about Jake, our memory includes only a very young fellow but happy to see that he had a full life. Our prayers are with you for peace and many wonderful memories.*

*Anne & Carol Blalock aka
Anne Pelt & Carol Walls*

Anne Pelt - January 02, 2017 at 06:07 PM

CP

“ *I cherish my memories of Dali, the bird, sitting on Jakes shoulder and preening his hair, while the two of them watched TV. Love to the family on your loss.*

Candice Powell - January 02, 2017 at 07:04 AM

PH

“ *Paula Hubert lit a candle in memory of Julius Jesse "Jake" Cox III*



Paula Hubert - January 01, 2017 at 08:33 PM

PH

Flo, condolences to you and the rest of the family and friends. Prayers, love and hugs sent your way. Paula

Paula Hubert - January 01, 2017 at 08:35 PM

JR

This is for Frannie who is so great. I am so sad for your loss and though I didn't know him he sounds like a person whom I would have enjoyed.

Joan Rountree - January 04, 2017 at 09:23 AM

BR

“*Jake has a loving heart full of kindness and caring for everyone he met. He always had the kind and/or fun remark for me on Facebook when he knew I needed it. I shall miss Jake. Sending hugs and prayers to his family. Love you Frannie*

Babs Rousseau - January 01, 2017 at 06:36 PM

JB

“*I am so very sorry. I was in the hospital through Christmas and Jake called a couple of times to check on me. We talked a day or so after I got out and were supposed to go for a ride on Monday. I think we talked on the 28th, that terrible day, He often called and also bought his bar-tending supplies from my supply company. It is difficult to fathom that he is suddenly gone. He was a good friend. I miss him already. Oh yes he sent a payment with the wrong amount I returned it with some teasing snide remarks. Please ignore it. Burt please call me. Johnny Brown 566-9204*

johnny Brown - January 01, 2017 at 03:08 PM

RC

“*Jake was as good a man, as any can hope to be. Always up, and positively charged. I will miss his light, his goodhearted wit, humor, and guidance. I send my love to those that are grieving. God's blessings to everyone.*



Randy Cooke - January 01, 2017 at 12:48 PM

JS

“Everybody I ever knew who met Jake just loved him. He was the kind of man that inspired the best in everyone he knew. Two days before his death we were talking and laughing on the phone and making plans for he and Mary to come and visit us in Thomasville and to eat at one of our local restaurants. He reminded me before we hung up that I was probably his oldest continuous friend dating back to when he and Burt came to Bainbridge in the late 50's or early 60's where his dad was a pastor. Our friendship continued at Leon High in the 60's. Jake was one of a kind, the genuine article and I will miss him dearly....RIP my friend.

JimBob Segler - December 31, 2016 at 04:45 PM

BG

“He was funny, caring and a friend. My mom was a great friend of his dad, the boys came with that friendship. As big as he was, he was just as big a loving man.

Belva Delaney Gurr - December 31, 2016 at 04:23 PM

MP

“Simply said, Jake was just a fun person to be around. His personality was one that made him such enjoyable company. He will be missed by many. I am so sorry for your loss. My God grant you comfort at this time.

Mona Porter - December 31, 2016 at 03:55 PM

JK

Jake was indeed a wonderful, caring person --- always smiling and laughing --- he brightened anyone's day who came in contact with him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My prayers are with his family ...

Joyce Keuling - January 01, 2017 at 02:49 PM

DD

Burton, Frances, and Flo, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Even though I haven't seen you recently, I have fond memories of all of you. Jake was a great guy.

Dave Drake - January 04, 2017 at 10:49 AM

VG

I am absolutely heartbroken that I won't be able to celebrate this sweet, lovable, kind, generous, loyal, funny, caring Teddy bear!!! I have a commitment that I can't get out of...but you can bet my thoughts will be with and about my dear friend...as well as, Fran, Burt, Flo, Mary and ALL of those who knew and consequently loved this dear soul!!! Jake, You made a difference in my life!! Tallahassee is a bit dimmer since you left! Love'n hugs!! Valerie Proctor Gardner

Valerie Gardner - February 19, 2017 at 01:51 PM