



Conliff Richard "Rick" Cox

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Conliff Richard "Rick" Cox, 71, formerly of Baldwinsville, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Syracuse, son of the late Carmella M. (Ventra) Shattuck and Conliff C. Cox. Rick graduated from Liverpool High School, received his BA from Columbia College, and his MBA from Oswego State University. Rick was also a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. After his military service, he was employed with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office for 24 years, retiring as a Sergeant. He then went on to become the Chief of Solvay Police Department for 18 years. Rick was also a college professor teaching criminal justice courses at multiple universities including Columbia, OCC, Oswego, and Cayuga Community College.

Rick's biggest love of his life was his family, he was the most devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Rick made everyone feel special and loved, his unmatched sense of humor could make anyone smile, even in their darkest moments. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, watching his grandchildren play sports, detailing his Corvette, and being in Facebook jail. Rick was cherished and loved by everyone who had the privilege to know him.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Christine J. (Morgia) Cox; 3 children, Michael J. (Robin B.) Cox, Daniel J. (Hilary A.) Cox, and Jennifer R. Cox; 6 grandchildren, Jacob, Natalie, Caden, Isabella, Tyler, and Maddy; 3 siblings, Robert J. Cox, Jean M. Sayer, and Deborah A. Saldo, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and his pet, Max.

A funeral Mass in celebration of Rick's life will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 10:30 am in Pope John XXIII Church 8290 Soule Rd., Liverpool. Burial will follow in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME 3401 Vickery Rd. (Corner of Buckley Rd.) N. Syracuse, NY 13212.



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Richard's family would like to thank Dr. Christiano for always being there as not only a physician but also as a friend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rick's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Hospice of CNY, or the Wounded Warrior Project.




Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 24, 2022


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

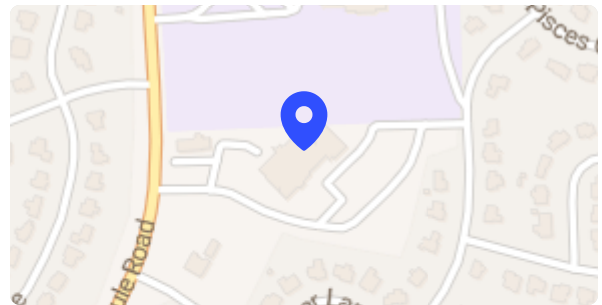


Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, August 25, 2022


 10:30 AM ET

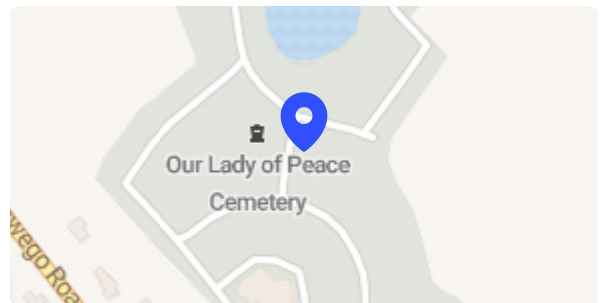
 **Pope John XXIII Church**
8290 Soule Road, Liverpool NY 13090



Cemetery Details

 **Our Lady of Peace Cemetery**
8668 OSWEGO ROAD, Baldwinsville NY 13027

 **315-475-4639**





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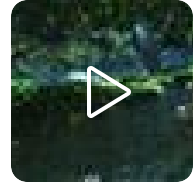
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August 25 at 10:27 AM



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 22 at 10:51 AM



Rich Martin posted:

My sincere condolences on Rick's passing. I met him when I took over as the program director for Keuka College's ASAP program that Rick was teaching in. We had many great discussions during the years that we were both there and I enjoyed getting to know him tremendously.

September 22 at 7:17 AM



Joe Guido posted:

We are so very sorry to hear of Ricky's passing we lived rt next door for are whole childhood. Fantastic neighbors. Lots of great old memories that will never forget. Condolences to your family Mary jo & Joe Guido. 🙏🏻🙏🏻

September 12 at 2:29 PM



Jimmy Naum-Bedigian posted:

Used to live down the street from me in Liverpool

September 1 at 3:59 PM



David Birkin posted:

Rick and I attended and graduated the Regional Police Academy in 1974.He with OCSD and me with the Syracuse PD. Over the years of our careers when ever we intersected we would stop and converse to catch up on what was going on in each other's lives. Truly one of the " good guys".
David Birkin. Syracuse PD (ret.)

August 26 at 6:20 AM



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JW

Judy Cox Wolf posted:

To The Cox Family We were devastated to hear of our cousin Ricks passing. Sorry we weren't there for his funeral we only heard about this today. Rick was a wonderful human being and i was so glad we were able to reconnect after so many years had passed. please know we are keeping all of you in our thoughts & prayers during this very difficult time. love , Judy Cox Wolf & Ted

August 26 at 5:28 AM

LC

Liz Cavino posted:

My condolences to Chris and family. Rick was a good neighbor. I always enjoyed seeing him, his chipper greetings and conversations. I'm so sorry for your loss.

August 26 at 3:19 AM

TL

Terrance Lydon posted:

Dear Christine and Family, Please accept our sincere condolences.-Terry Lydon and Leone Lehman

August 25 at 1:28 PM

KM

Kathy McNichols posted:

I was so sad to hear this news of Rick's passing. He was such a great guy and a true gentleman. He will be sorely missed. RIP 🙏🙏❤️

August 25 at 9:14 AM

GW

Gary Worthington posted:

With great sadness I learn of the passing of Ricky Cox. He was a great neighbor and friend. My heart goes out to Chris, Mike, Dan, and Jennifer. Watching them grow up in the Mercury Circle neighborhood was a true pleasure. I completely understand your sorrow and grief as I recently experienced it with the passing of my wife Pam. May you find the strength and conviction to move forward and deal with this terrible loss. I will always remember Rick for his smile, his wave, and conversation. Gary Worthington

August 25 at 4:21 AM



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AM

Amy lit a candle in honor of Conliff.

August 24 at 2:14 PM



MG

Marian Glisson posted:

I have fond memories of dinners at Chris and Rick's. Chris, the consummate hostess always put out a fabulous spread and made it look easy, but it was Rick who provided the entertainment! He would start telling stories as soon as we sat down and have us laughing long past dessert! I will always smile when I think of him! RIP Rick.

August 23 at 12:47 PM

DD

Dan Dedeo posted:

My most vivid memory of Rick goes back to 1991. He was the Sgt at the OCC Police Academy. I was a new "recruit" (NYSDEC thought I needed to be retrained after a military assignment.) He and the Gazelle busted me for 6 weeks until, one day, he dismissed all the the recruits from the grinder except me. He whispered something in my left ear and I knew I had a friend and back up for life. My prayers and condolences go out to all his family and friends. Semper Fi Brother. WWP already done.

August 23 at 7:37 AM

JC

Jim Casamento posted:

Sending condolences to the Cox family.. Rick was a great cop and a great friend. Rick and I taught together in the Police Academy for several years. I will miss his perspective and humor. Rest In Peace my friend. Jimmy Casamento

August 23 at 5:31 AM

BV

Butch Venuti posted:

So sorry to hear about the Chief. He was the primary example of law enforcement should be. Well done my friend, keep your head still while you are putting.

August 23 at 2:53 AM



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DT

D. Tucker posted:

Great guy, gone too soon! I took one of his classes at Columbia College, it was always entertaining, he kept things real. Family, cherish those special moments all of you shared! RIP Chief 🙏

August 22 at 5:49 PM

SA

Shawn Andren posted:

My condolences go out to the entire Cox family. Our family is saddened to hear of Rick's passing. Rick was our neighbor in Christopher's Crossing in Baldwinsville. I always enjoyed chatting with Rick while he took his morning walks with his lovable Cavichon. May God bless the entire Cox family during this time of mourning. Shawn & Jane Andren

August 22 at 4:05 PM

WF

William Fitzpatrick posted:

To Christine and the entire Cox family, I am so sorry to learn about the passage of this truly great cop. Rick and I worked many cases together and the product he presented to me to show to the jury was always top shelf. He exemplified what an officer should be...dedicated, tireless, prepared and scrupulously honest. RIP my friend. DA Bill Fitzpatrick

August 22 at 3:44 PM

GS

Gary Samsel posted:

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Rick. I was truly shocked. I have a lot of memories of all the years we hunted together. My condolences to Chris, Mike, Dan and Jennifer and their families. Rick will be missed. I am sorry I won't be able to attend the services. God bless and RIP.

August 22 at 3:36 PM

MY

Mary Dee Yost posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I won't be able to attend services, but I did want to send my sympathy to his family. I worked in the Solvay Village Hall when he was police chief and we saw him daily. He would be a bright spot in my day! With sympathy- Mary Dee Yost

August 22 at 1:02 PM



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JJ

John Joy posted:

It's with deep sadness that I send my condolences to Chris, Mike, and the entire Cox family on the passing of Rick. He was such a nice guy and a pleasure to work with at OCSD. Always smiling.... May he forever rest in peace.... God Bless

August 22 at 9:16 AM

JJ

Jim Joy posted:

My deepest condolences to the Cox family. Rick was a pleasure to work with, a professional with a terrific sense of humor.RIP, Rick.

August 22 at 8:22 AM

DR

Douglas A Rice posted:

May you Rest In Peace Chief Cox's . You definitely were one outstanding individual not only to the law enforcement community but all around to many people whose lives you touched in one way or another! I'll never forget you and meeting your Mother who I can see was one of the reason you were the person you were . Prayers for your family Amen 🙏

August 21 at 7:58 PM

DO

Dave Owens posted:

My condolences to Rick's family. He was a true professional and a great colleague.

August 21 at 6:00 PM

DC

Dick Clarke posted:

When I first became a cop reporter at the Post Standard, Rick was very good to me and made his office a welcoming space. His personality made him a delight to work with. I was shocked to read of his passing. My condolences to Chris and family.

August 21 at 5:12 PM



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Tony Testa posted:

Dear Cox family, Becky and I are very sadden by Rick's passing. Becky Silva Testa has many fond memories with Rick over the years in High School and during Rick;s career with the OCSO. We both knew Rick at Liverpool High School. Rick was a great guy, 2nd to none LEO and served his country and community with distinction and honor. T thank you for your service Rick, you were the best and will be sorely missed. Becky and Tony Testa Class of 1971 LHS and Zellwood, FL

August 21 at 3:45 PM



Phil Fake posted:

Dear Chris, I am so very sorry to learn of the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I am sure he will be dearly missed by all. Sincerely, Phil Fake

August 21 at 11:17 AM



Thomas Tubbert posted:

Rick, RIP. One of the last A watchers from OCSD. An uplifting character who always kept one on their toes. Will certainly be missed by all that knew him. Tom Tubbert

August 21 at 10:41 AM



Cindy Paoletti posted:

Heartfelt condolences to all of Ricks family. Growing up on Glendale Ave there was never a dull moment. We are all getting up there in years, and it is always so sad when another of the Glendale crew passes on. Fly with the angels Rick, your wit and ability to make us laugh will be a lasting memory.

August 21 at 8:38 AM



Steve & Debbie Bush lit a candle in honor of Conliff.

Our sincere condolences to Mike and thefamily. I will miss his wit. Also his conversations in the woods. Enjoyed the several years of hunting with him. A great friend. I will miss him. Steve and Debbie Bush

August 21 at 8:25 AM





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JM

Joseph Mehlek posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Cox Family. Pat and I worked with Rick during his career at the Sheriff's Office. He was a pleasure to work with ; always coming up with novel solutions to immediate problems. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

August 21 at 7:50 AM

KG

Kevin M. Gilligan posted:

I will truly miss Rick. I enjoyed every minute I spent with him, whether golfing, having lunch, Village Board meetings (Solvay) or any of our other shared times. I can still hear his voice. The world is diminished by his passing, but is greatly enhanced by his life. Farewell good friend. Kevin M. Gilligan

August 21 at 7:11 AM

MT

Mike Toia posted:

Cox Family Rick was a true professional and a joy to interact with on the job. I am sorry to hear about his loss and the loss to the Law Enforcement Community and more importantly his family. Rest In Peace Rick Mike Toia

August 21 at 6:37 AM

KZ

Karen L Zingaro lit a candle in honor of Conliff.

I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I got to know him while working at the Denti Ins. Agcy. Always a pleasure to have him visit our office. Always had a smile on his face. My condolences to Chis and family. Rest in peace my friend. Karen Zingaro



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Ron Klein Sr posted:

Truly a gentleman and professional on and off of the "job". Worked with Rick at OCSD and his door was ALWAYS open when he became Chief at Solvay PD. He was "Old School" law enforcement, and did his job in a professional manor, reflecting well on himself and the departments he worked for.He had a million-dollar smile and ALWAYS talked with pride about his family. Very sad to read about Rick's passing and may the good lord grant him eternal peace.RIP my friend.Ron Klein Sr, (Retired OCSD)

August 21 at 5:39 AM



Dianne & Vinny Hollopeter posted:

Always enjoyed going over to Chris and Rick's house and just hanging out, loved his humor and wit, always had lots of laughs!! great memories always in our hearts, sending our love to Chris and the whole family. you are at peace now Rick, no more pain, we love you always Dianne and Vinny

August 20 at 5:13 PM



Marie And Bob Margadonna August 20 at 5:25 PM

Absolutely loved this man and his loving ways for family and friends. Always quick with a joke and a smile. Prayers for Chris and all of his family. He will be missed by so many. 🙏❤️



Sydney Guertin lit a candle in honor of Conliff.

My deepest condolences to Christine and family. Although you may not remember me, I'll never forget the honor I had being able to bring Rick home. I'll forever feel so grateful that I got to meet Rick and his family. - Sydney, the EMT that was blessed to bring him home.

August 20 at 1:57 PM



Marty Farrell posted:

Deepest sympathies to Christine and family. Rick was a great friend and one of the best golf partners I ever had.And no one had a quicker wit.There will be less humor in this world without Rick.Marty and Dori Farrell

August 20 at 12:48 PM



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GM

Gary G. Mingoelli posted:

My sincere concordances to the entire family. When it came to wit & humor, Ricky had no equal. From one kid from the old hood to another, May the peace of God be with you and your family, Rick.

August 20 at 11:54 AM

RD

Richard Delia August 20 at 1:30 PM

Worked with "Coyote", as he was called on the Sheriff's Dept., many years ago. He was always there to watch your six. A friend, and, helped me through a difficult time after leaving the Sheriff's Dept. Condolences. Prayers for Rick and his family. May he rest in eternal Peace.... Dick and Shirley Delia.

BF

Brian Finnerty posted:

So many laughs, so many great golf games. Carolyn and I will miss Rick's smile and quick wit in Solana Lake. A genuinely great guy! Brian Finnerty

August 20 at 11:43 AM



Media

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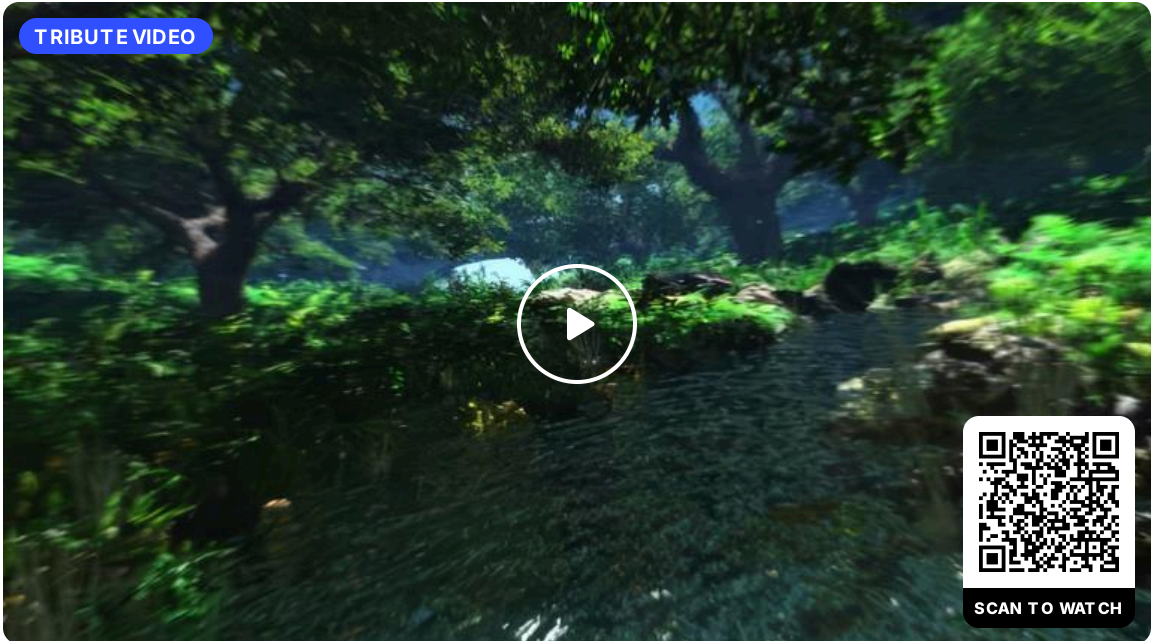
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