



Pete Cox

January 23, 1932 - March 1, 2025

Enoch Jordan “Pete” Cox, 93, of Albany, GA died peacefully on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Willson Hospice House.

Pete was born on January 23, 1932, in Newnan, GA to parents Charles Drue Cox, Jr. and Kate Jordan Cox. Pete’s family moved to Albany, GA when he was twelve years old. He graduated from Albany High School where he played five sports and won thirteen varsity sports letters. He began his college career at South Georgia College, coached by the beloved Coach Johnny Griffith; he was voted the Most Valuable Player by his teammates on the football, basketball, and baseball teams. After two years of military service with the Army, he received a scholarship to attend Furman University; he lettered two seasons as a defensive back in football and won 42 of 43 golf matches, winning the Southern Conference individual title along the way. Pete returned to Albany, GA in 1958 where he worked for the Georgia Printing Company, invested in real estate, and owned a successful coffee business. Pete earned the reputation as one of the state’s fiercest competitors by winning over 150 golf tournaments throughout his career, highlighted by winning the 1963 Georgia State Amateur at Radium Country Club and the 1986 Georgia Senior Open at Sea Island. He also won the Valdosta Open twice, the Jack Oliver Invitational twice, the Albany City Amateur Championship six times, and the Radium Springs Invitational eleven times. As a contributor to the game, his true passion was junior golf, where he freely gave of his time to instill the love of the game into future generations. In 1973,

he helped organize the Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) Junior Sectional Program and served as Chairman for sixteen years; this introductory junior golf competition remains a mainstay of GSGA programs to this day. Pete and South Carolina's Charlie Rountree created the Georgia-South Carolina Junior Challenge Match, an inter-state junior team match play competition, in 1976. This competition is the longest running of its kind in the United States. After his playing days were behind him, he coached the men's golf team at Georgia Southwestern State University for two years. Ever the proponent of the game, he worked as a Rules Official at countless tournaments for nearly 30 years.

Pete was immensely proud of Albany and helped create the Albany Sports Hall of Fame in 1987, serving as a member of the Board of Directors and as President. He also served on the GSGA Board of Directors, was the GSGA President in 1975-1976, and served as a Director and past Chairman of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Albany Sports Hall of Fame in 1987, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1991, the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame in 1992, and the South Georgia College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. He was presented with the GSGA's Bill Todd Award in 2011, honoring a volunteer who maintains the highest standard of service and stewardship to the GSGA.

Pete was an avid outdoorsman throughout his life, talking often and telling stories of his love for hunting and fishing. He loved his innumerable friends and was colloquially referred to as "Coach" and "Peter Rabbit" by those who knew him best; he never missed an opportunity to spend time with his friends at Lake Blackshear, Mexico Beach, hunting camps, golf tournaments, and annual banquets. He was always at his best when in the woods bird hunting or by the water fishing. Pete's faithful family loved him dearly, and he loved them dearly as well. As Ducky Wall once wrote, "Jack Nicklaus once said you judge the great ones by the number of championships they win. If that's true, you would have to rank Pete Cox right at the top."

Our family wishes to thank the outstanding team at Willson Hospice House for

the loving care they provided to Pete in his final days.

Pete is survived by his children, Missy Funderburk (John) and Dee Cox (Layne) of Albany, GA; grandchildren, Jay Funderburk (Katie) of Albany, GA, Jordan Funderburk of Fernandina Beach, FL, Kate Cox of Albany, GA, and Nolen Cox (Ashley) of Woodstock, GA; great-grandchildren, Madison Cox, Olivia Cox, and baby Funderburk expected in April; and nephew, Drue Cox of Albany, GA.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Drue Cox, Jr. and Kate Jordan Cox; aunts, Elizabeth "Tuny" Jordan and Sue Vestal; uncle, Enoch Jordan; and brother, C. D. "Sonny" Cox (Louise) of Albany, GA.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 3 PM at Oakview Cemetery (200 Cotton Ave, Albany, GA 31701). Dr. Keithen Tucker and Rev. Laurel Griffith will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Willson Hospice House (320 Foundation Ln, Albany, GA 31707) or to the GSGA Foundation (2205 Northside Dr NW, Ste 200, Atlanta, GA 30305) in memory of Pete Cox.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave.
Albany, GA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery
200 Cotton Ave.
Albany, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Lit a candle 🕯️ in Remembrance



Elena Taylor - April 02, 2025 at 10:18 PM

RH

“ *Mr Pete was a true friend to our family especially when we were young playing golf as juniors. He always encouraged us to do our best and be our best which is a great life lesson we still try to uphold to this day RIP our friend. The Hughes Boys.*

Ray Hughes - March 05, 2025 at 02:00 PM

DA

“ *We will miss your presence at the yearly Aultman Forest Friends Event ! Many memories made and stories to tell Rest in Peace Pete ! Love always Zack and Debi Aultman and all the crew of Aultman Forest*



Debi Aultman - March 04, 2025 at 12:06 PM

AP

“ *Pete with Jimmy Orr and Bill Ploeger*



Alta & Bill Ploeger - March 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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Alta & Bill Ploeger - March 04, 2025 at 07:27 PM

AP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Alta & Bill Ploeger - March 04, 2025 at 10:36 AM

FF

“ *Wow...what a life. Pete and Billy Peters did more for me during my time at the GSGA than I can remember. They loved the game of golf, the GSGA and the junior golfers that they encouraged and nurtured through the years. My prayers go out to Pete and his entire family. He lived a meaningful life and will be missed. Frank Ford*

Frank Ford - March 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ We will miss Pete so much and will forever cherish all the fun times and memories we shared. Until we meet again, rest in sweet peace dear friend. Alta & Bill Ploeger

Alta & Bill Ploeger - March 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM

KI

“ 1 file added to the album Pete Cox Memorial Video



Kimbrell-Stern - March 03, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pete Cox.

March 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pete Cox.



March 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pete Cox.*



March 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *From Danielle, Erik and Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pete Cox.*

From Danielle, Erik and Lisa - March 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *From Danielle, Erik and Lisa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pete Cox.*



From Danielle, Erik and Lisa - March 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *From your Smurfit Westrock Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pete Cox.*



From your Smurfit Westrock Family - March 03, 2025 at 11:39 AM

GA

“ Georgia State Golf Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pete Cox.

Georgia State Golf Association - March 03, 2025 at 09:57 AM

GA

“ Georgia State Golf Association purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pete Cox.



Georgia State Golf Association - March 03, 2025 at 09:57 AM

DN

“ I never left a visit or phone call with Pete that I didn't have a smile on my face. Lucky to have known him! Don Niepoth, Athens, GA.

Don Niepoth - March 02, 2025 at 05:44 PM

BU

“ Bubba purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pete Cox.



Bubba - March 02, 2025 at 10:04 AM

LH

“ Love Craig and Heather purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pete Cox.



Love Craig and Heather - March 02, 2025 at 07:58 AM