

*In Loving Memory*



**First Church**  
First United Methodist Church of San Angelo

*November 8, 2014—10:30 A.M.*

*A Service of Death & Resurrection*

*Celebrating the Life of*

*X B Cox Jr.*



*February 12, 1915 — November 4, 2014*

*Entrance*

*All who are able are invited to stand to worship where indicated by the cross †. Please silence cell phones and pagers. The congregation will stand as the family enters the sanctuary.*

WORD OF GRACE

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are but dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.  
*(Psalm 103: 8,13-14,17)*

GREETING

Dearly beloved, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we remember and celebrate the life of X B Cox. We come together in grief; acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, -- in death resurrection.

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

OFFERING IN MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"

Meagan Hunnicutt

REMEMBRANCES OF OUR DAD

Ellen Cox Williams & XB Cox III

*Proclamation and Response*

FIRST LESSON

Titus 2: Selected Verses

† PSALTER

Psalm 23

No. 137

**All Singing: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.**

✦ GOSPEL LESSON

John 14: Selected Verses

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Resurrection  
*William J. Gaither*

HOMILY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"From Romans"

No. 887

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*✧ Sending Forth ✧*

PARTING MUSIC

On Eagle's Wings  
*Michael Joncas*

✦ DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Pastor: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

POSTLUDE

National Hymn  
*George W. Warren*

*Please stand and remain in your pew as the family processes out of the Sanctuary. X B's family thanks you for your presence today, and your many expressions of love. You are invited to a reception and meal with X B's family in Celebration Hall immediately following this service. Burial with military honors will be at Fairmont Cemetery following the reception.*



X B Cox, Jr., 99, of San Angelo passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. He attended San Angelo schools and attended San Angelo Junior College, on a Massie scholarship, for one year. He entered Texas A&M in the Fall of 1933 and graduated in the Class of 1937. Upon his graduation he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the U.S. Army. Upon his return, following the War, he was appointed to the Massie Foundation Board, on which he served for 32 years. X B was honored as Outstanding Alumni of ASU in 1977 and in 2005 was named Golden Ex by the Alumni Foundation.

From June of 1937 until January of 1939, X B was employed as the Assistant County Agent, in charge of government farm programs in Coke and Dawson Counties. From January of 1939 until June of 1941 he was County Agricultural Agent in Scurry County.

He was called to active duty in June of 1941, as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., and served until March 1946. He was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in August of 1942; at the time it was established, and served in the 81<sup>st</sup> Abn AA Bn. On March 25, 1945 he was promoted to be Commanding Officer of the 81<sup>st</sup> Abn AA Bn. At 29 years of age. He participated in the Normandy landings on D-Day, rode a glider into Zon, Holland for Operation Market Garden, was surrounded at Bastogne, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge, and was involved in combat in Germany until the American troops occupied Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Eagle's Nest. From there he was sent to France to prepare troops to go to Japan but because of the dropping of the atomic bomb, he returned to the United States, in November of 1945 with the rank of Lt. Col. He was removed from active duty back to the Reserves, and promoted to Colonel in 1956, retiring from the Army in 1967, after 30 years of active and Reserve service.

During his service to his country he was highly decorated, receiving the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Battle Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead, the Occupation Medal, American Defense Service Victory Medal, and The Order of Orange Nassau, Officer Grade with Swords, commissioned by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the Netherlands Orange Lanyard and the Presidential Citation. From 1946-1949 X B worked for the Wool Division, of USDA with offices in Denver, Boston, and in San Angelo.

X B married Melba Ruth White in Bryan, Texas on November 4, 1948. He bought a ranch in Upton County in 1947 and ranching became his life after that time. He became a member of First United Methodist Church, in San Angelo, in 1927. X B has been active in many other affiliations, including being President of The Businessmen's Bible Class, President of the West Texas A & M Club, was President 1964-1966 of the San Angelo Stock Show Association, The Retired Officers' Assn., and a charter member of the Daniel Wood Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, being awarded a 40 year service pin in 2008. He was active in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association for over 35 years. He was awarded The Golden Spur Award for service and dedication on 2006.

X B was preceded in death by his parents, one beloved grandson, X B Cox, IV (Boone), and his brother Donald D Cox. X B is survived by his wife, Melba W. Cox of San Angelo, his daughter Melba Ellen Cox Williams and her husband, Herbert E. Williams, Jr., of Kernville, TX; his son, X B Cox, III, and his wife Kelly of Fairfax, Va.; his grandchildren, Herbert Eugene "Trey" Williams III and his wife Sandy of Wylie, TX, Sarah Elizabeth Junemann and her husband Cory of League City, TX, and Jordan Katherine Cox of Colorado Springs, CO; his great-grandsons Cameron and Mason Williams and Lex Junemann; and one nephew, Donald Boyd Cox, his wife Pat and grandniece Kim Denise Cox of San Angelo.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Mr. Cox's doctors and his precious caregivers, Stephanie Melendez, Sylvia Montalvo, Angelica Galvan, Shelly Luchuga, and Ashley Rocha. Their care and loving support provided him with a wonderful quality of life during the past few years.

Military Honors and Pallbearers will be presented by the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of San Angelo, to the X B Cox Family Scholarship c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

### Leading in Today's Service of Death and Resurrection

The Rev. David Miron  
Mrs. Meegan Hunnicutt  
The Rev. Sam Hunnicutt

Organist / Accompanist  
Soloist  
Officiant