



Thomas William Cox, Jr

July 14, 1955 - April 6, 2013

Thomas William Cox Jr. of S. Westshore Dr, Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away Saturday April 6, 2013 at his home on Sugar Island. Tom (Sparky) was born in Sault Ste. Marie, MI on July 14, 1955. He was born and raised on Sugar Island. He attended a one-room schoolhouse on the Island before transferring to the main land in sixth grade. Tom graduated from Sault Area High School in 1974. After graduation, Tom worked as a deck hand on the Sugar Island Ferry before spending 32 years with Hoover Precision Products as a Tool & Die Machinist. Tom enjoyed traveling with his family and taking a break with friends. He loved boating, fishing, hunting and ran a trap line with his close friend, Craig Bailey, until the time of his death. He was also a proud member of The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Tom married his wife and best friend Debra S. (Snider) Cox on February 1, 1975. They spent their life together on Sugar Island and raised two children. Tom is preceded in death by his son, Thomas James (TJ) Cox; parents, Thomas & Carol (McCoy) Cox; his in-laws, George & Katherine (Bonno) Snider; sister-in-law Darlene (Snider) Miller; brother-in-law, Ted Snider; niece, Tonya Snider; and brother-in-law, Donald Perin. Surviving him is his daughter, Amanda Rose (Cox) Gil (Rafael); sister, Donna Kurtz (Richard); sister, Tammy Cox; brother, Terry Cox; brother, Kevin Cox, niece, Amy Kurtz; and niece, Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar (Chris). Tom's life was far too short after losing his battle with cancer. He never let his illness slow him down. You could always find a smile on his face. During his battle, family and friends would stop over to share funny stories of the past and the crazy

things they did while growing up on Sugar Island. All who knew him will sadly miss Tom. Tom will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery alongside his son, TJ. Visitation will be held 12 noon until 6pm Tuesday April 9, 2013 at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Services will be held 3:00pm Tuesday April 9 at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas William Cox, Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Thomas William Cox, Jr*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Thomas William Cox, Jr*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Deb, I am so very sorry that Tom had to complete his Circle of Life so soon. You two were made for each other - something that not all married couples experience. Hold on to that knowing that you were the best wife and friend Tom could ever have. I deeply admire your dedication to Tom during his time of illness. You are a shining example to one and all illustrating exemplary love and compassion to the man you have loved all your adult life. I wish I could give you words to heal but know that only time will show you the way to go forward in your life.*

Michaelene Sullivan - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deb & Family, I am terribly sorry for your loss. Your and yours are in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessing to you! Jamie (McCoy) Harvey and Family.*

Jamie Harvey - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Deb and Amanda, So very sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Deb and Dan Green - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Debbie & Amanda, so sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you. God Bless. Tracy*

Tracy Somes Greene - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Deb, we are sorry for your loss.*

Jane (Brissette) Cutler - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you, Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Henry Scott Holland*

Joycelin Sager Denstone - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Many fond memories of growing up with Sparky (Tom) on Sugar Island. So happy he found you Deb to share his life. You will always have the memories and laughs you shared to hold close to your heart. Let Amanda be your strength as you start this new journey.*

Chris Sams - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *thoughts and prayers to the Cox family.*

bruce w beaudoin - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM