



## Calvin Dale Cox

Calvin Dale Cox was born January 27, 1927, on the family ranch, Upper Hinton Creek, near Heppner, OR. He attended school in Heppner and received a high school diploma. He worked on the ranch and for a local logging company as a teen.

Drafted in 1946, Calvin immediately volunteered for the Army Air Force. He was sent to Fort Lewis, WA, and trained as an aerial photographer at Lowry Field, CO. He later cross-trained in the aerial radar technician career field. In 1953, he was ordered to Barksdale Air Force Base, LA, where he started his new career as a radar technician. His 26-year active duty status included Roswell Army Air Field, New Mexico Lowry Field, Royal Air Force Sculthorpe UK (where he met his future bride) and U-Tapao, Royal Thai Airbase. One of the highlights of his career was instructing navigators at the first Air Force Academy at Lowry Field.

Calvin met his wife, Constance, at a USO dance. She was in the Women's Royal Air Force. "I saw her, that was it." He could still remember the dance, the music and even the dress. They married in 1952.

After retiring, Calvin worked another 20 years with the US Air Force. His second career included the 28th Communication Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base. He said the moment he saw the Black Hills National Cemetery, he knew he was here to stay. Calvin & wife were stationed back to England as a Department of Defense civilian with his wife for 2 years and then returned to Ellsworth.

Calvin took full advantage of those hills, prairie hunting and fishing. There's a "trophy" room to prove it.

He was a member of American Legion Post 315, VFW post 1273, and DAV. He was also a Volunteer American Red Cross Disaster Relief.

Calvin, 90, Box Elder, died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at his residence.

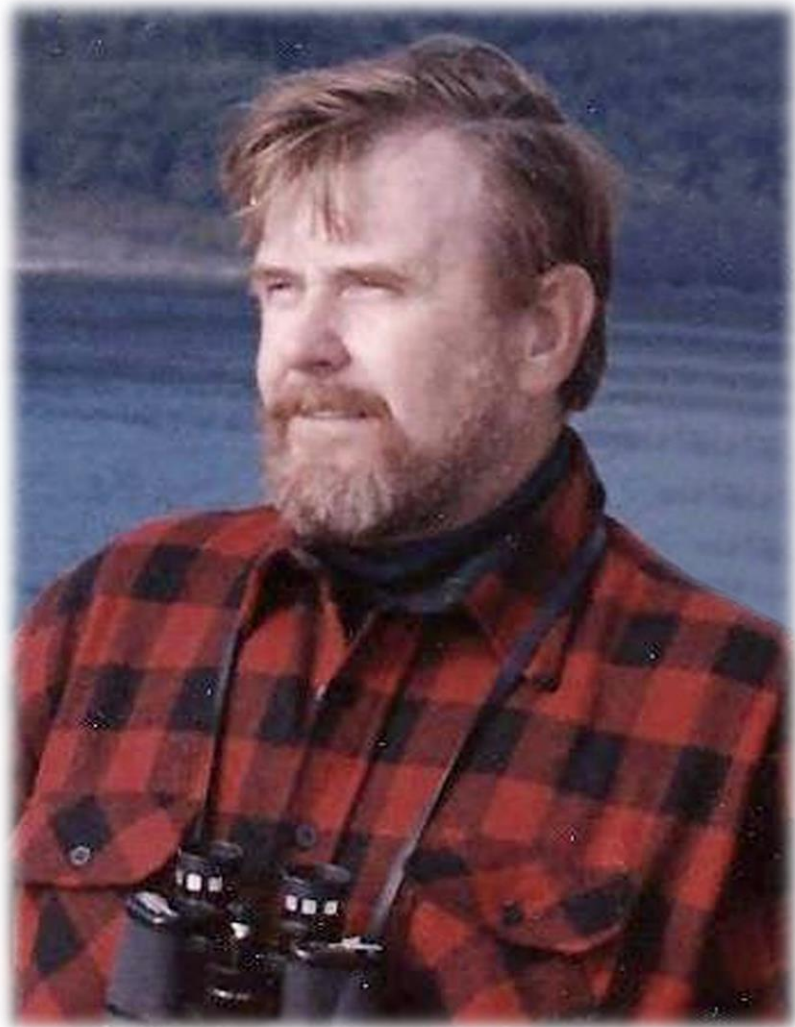
He is survived by son, James (Christine) Cox; daughter, Joy Cox; granddaughter, Julia Binkley; and grandson, Jason Cox.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Constance (Reay) Cox; son, Michael JD Cox; daughter, Melody (Cox) Rydgren; and granddaughter, Jennifer Williams.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Calvin Dale Cox***

***1927 ~ 2018***

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the American Legion Post 315, Box Elder following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Calvin Dale Cox***

***Born***

January 27, 1927  
Heppner, Oregon

***Died***

September 13, 2018  
Box Elder, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor David Baer

***Pallbearers***

Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard

***Military Honors***

Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

