



## Mrs. Daisy M. Cox

April 13, 1914 - June 19, 2013

Daisy M. Cox 99, of Bluffton passed away at 8:58 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

In Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's words, "Music is the universal language of mankind." And it was through music that Daisy Cox spoke with her family, her friends and her community. Beginning teaching piano at the age of 13, it was through playing and singing in church events that she met her husband, Raymond Cox. They raised a family with an appreciation of music and played and sang together through a long successful marriage, whether it was a church or the Wells County Men's Chorus. As a piano teacher, Daisy introduced literally hundreds of Wells County youth to the joy and expressiveness of music. It was as a performer for countless events that she came to meet and know her community. And it was those connections, with the young and with her community that defined the joy of her life. To quote another, Benjamin Disraeli once said, "Most people die with their music still locked up inside them." That was not Daisy Cox. It was through music that she brought and found joy in her life.

Daisy was born on April 13, 1914 in Adams County, Indiana to J. C. & Amelia Augusta (Aschbaucher) Augsburg. She graduated from Hartford Township High School in Adams County. She started sharing her love for music and taught piano and organ lessons at the age of 13.

On October 3, 1937 in Adams County, she married Raymond Cox. They

shared 51 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on October 16, 1988.

She also worked as a secretary for Cline Lumber for 15 years, and was the church organist at St. Joseph Catholic Church for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton and the Bluffton Rotary Club and a past officer of the Bay View Book Club. She also volunteered for many years playing the piano at area nursing care facilities.

Survivors include a daughter Mrs. Barbara (husband Dr. Joseph) Wind of Niles, Michigan and a son David N. (wife Pam) Cox of Memphis, Tennessee, along with four grandchildren; Emily Cox (husband George Dudley) of Memphis, Tennessee, Lauren Cox of New Orleans, Louisiana, Brian Newell of Logansport, Indiana and John (wife Angie) Newell of York, England along with 2 Great-Grandchildren Tom & Chloe Newell of York, England and a sister Beulah Parrish of Decatur, Indiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers Homer C. & Norman D. Augsburger.

Funeral services for Daisy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday ( June 22, 2013) at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Rev. Greg Rittenhouse will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. In Lieu of Flowers, the family has requested memorial be made to the Wells County Creative Arts Council. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Daisy M. Cox*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CP


“Mrs. Daisy was my first piano teacher. She taught me to love music, to find joy in it, and to always tackle life with a smile. I remember playing duets with her as a child, and how she would laugh in pure joy when we were done, like she had enjoyed it more than I had! She knew how to make a child feel special, important, and successful, even if they were just playing "Buzzy and Wuzzy". Her birthday was the day after mine, and I remember how tickled she seemed to me when I left 7 the day before she was 77. I'll also never forget her homemade grape juice! She truly was an amazing lady. I kept in touch with her throughout the years and had the opportunity to revisit Bluffton and get to see her again about ten years ago. I am so glad we made that trip and that I got to visit with her and share with her that I had followed in her footsteps in becoming a piano teacher. I still have every Christmas card we exchanged, and cherish them. Last year I didn't get a card back from her, and it made me so sad. This year as I was going through my list I googled to see if she was still around, and found this site. It makes me sad to know she is gone as she was a part of my life for as long as I can remember, but I know she is in Heaven, brightening it up with her infectious smile, and reunited with her beloved husband, so I am happy for her.

*In my family, we have a saying, "When I grow up, I want to be like Daisy Cox!" Well, I'm 30 now and still say that when I grow up, I want to be like her! Wish I could have said goodbye, but looking forward to seeing her again someday.*

*~Courtney Pickford, student from 1989-1992*

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**Courtney Pickford** - November 29, 2013 at 07:53 PM

 Laura  
Waksman  
Sugano

“ *Mrs. Cox was my piano teacher for about 8 years. She was a sweet and very patient teacher. I remember the room I took lessons in perfectly-she had two pianos and what seemed to me like a very fancy organ! Of course, I was fascinated by the organ, and she would let me try it out once in a while. She always made me feel very special, and I'm sure she did the same for all her students. I remember she had a Christmas tree that I think was decorated with ornaments from students. I'm sure it wasn't her main tree, but it was adorable. I made a paper star for her in a craft class, and she put it at the top of that tree! Who knows-maybe she popped it up there when it was time for my lesson each week, but it made me feel very important. Mrs. Cox is one of those people who make a positive impact in life, and I'm sure she has directly and indirectly affected thousands of people. Cheers to you Mrs. Cox! I'm sure your heaven is filled with music.*

*Laura (Waksman) Sugano*

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**Laura Waksman Sugano** - June 27, 2013 at 11:52 PM

KB

“ *I just learned of Daisy's death. I am so sorry that I cannot come to pay my respects at her funeral. I was her student for about 9 years in the late 80s/early 90s. She was a most wonderful person in every sense of the word - kind, generous, patient, selfless, joyful. She will never be forgotten by all of the people whose lives she made brighter and more musical.*

*-Kristin Steckbeck Bilinski*

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**Kristin Bilinski** - June 26, 2013 at 02:45 PM

CJ

“ I began studying piano with Daisy in 1959 when I was ten. I rode my bicycle a little over a mile to get to her house in Linn Grove. Since then, I have studied with three other piano teachers, but to this day when I perform in public I try to emulate that energy, that confidence that Daisy had when she would sit down to play the piano or organ. There was never any hesitancy or tentativeness in her playing. Daisy multi-tasked before the term was popular. When I was taking my lesson, she might be ironing, talking on the phone, or cooking in the kitchen. Nevertheless, even if she was out of the room doing something else, she could always hear when I made a mistake! Daisy holds a very special place in my life - I love playing the piano; it has given me great joy and self-confidence and Daisy started me down that path of my enjoyment of the piano and music.

Charles Joray

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**Charles Joray** - June 24, 2013 at 07:40 AM

AF

“ Daisy was the music teacher of our children Dan and Laura. They loved her and so did we. She was a genuinely nice person. Getting to know her was a privilege. She has been one of our best memories from Bluffton.

*Our sincerest condolences to Barbara and family members.*

*Dr. and Mrs. Alberto Waksman (San Marcos, CA)*

*Dan Waksman, Gilberts, IL*

*Laura Waksman (Sugano), San Marcos, CA*

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**Alberto Waksman and family** - June 23, 2013 at 10:10 PM

SM

“ Daisy was such an inspiration to me when I started teaching music in the early 1960's...she was a special friend and she played for my wedding in 1963...she touched hundreds of other educators and musicians throughout the years...My sincere sympathy.... Sally D. Mittlestedt

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**Sally D. Mittlestedt** - June 21, 2013 at 07:12 PM

TB

“ Daisy was a source of much beauty and grace in the community through her music and her personality. We remember sometimes driving her to Fort Wayne to play for Korean church services and she talked about the absence of verbal communication not inhibiting the musical proceedings there. In recent years she attended the book club at the art center whenever a ride was offered and recommended a title for all to read, followed by her very capable report. On an earlier occasion, we encountered her with Ray and his camera, snapping photos at the rose garden at Lakeside Park. We send condolences to the family and grateful hearts for the shimmer she leaves in her wake.

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**Tom and Maureen Butler** - June 21, 2013 at 01:42 PM

MB

“ I had a letter I was sending Daisy in my mailbox when my mom called to tell me she had passed. I wanted to thank her for instilling in me the joy of learning, performing, and teaching music. I was her neighbor and took lessons from her in the 60's and 70's.I have now taught piano for over 30 years thanks to her! My condolences to her family. What a neat lady!  
Mary (Sorg) Barrios

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**Mary Barrios** - June 21, 2013 at 01:32 PM

DS

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of Daisy Cox. I met her through her sister, Beulah Parrish. She was wonderful and caring person. She will truly be missed.*

*Doris Singleton*



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**Doris Singleton** - June 21, 2013 at 11:57 AM

SB

“ *Dear Cox Family,  
My most sincere condolences for your loss of Daisy Cox. She was the most beautiful woman because she shared her joy so well. I was one of the members of St. Joseph Parish and Daisy played the organ for my wedding. Be assured of my prayers.*  
--Sara Blalock

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**Sara Blalock** - June 21, 2013 at 05:49 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Daisy M. Cox.*



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June 20, 2013 at 08:23 PM

GB

“ *Barb, Brian, and John,*

*Our sincerest condolences on Daisy's death. We know how much you will miss her. Many times you will think, "I have to tell Grandma", and the really good thing is that she will know how much you wish to share with her once again. God Bless. . .*

*Becky and George*

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**George and Becky** - June 20, 2013 at 07:33 PM

AA

“ *Barb and Dave,--Not only do I remember Daisy teaching me piano, but who could forget our dad's and their love of photography? We had so many good times at your house. Remember when lighening struck at Fosnaugh's and shocked David in the bath tub? I hate it I will not get to see you, but we are to be in MI to a granddaughter's wedding shower. Your mom was a friend and I will miss seeing her at River Terrace. I'll bet she and mom are "catching up" in heaven. You have my deepest sympathy.*

*Anna Lee Hook Ault*

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**Anna Lee Ault** - June 20, 2013 at 05:06 PM

CD

“ *Barb, Dave, & Family, Daisy was the most wonderful person I ever met. She taught me paino lessons for 9 years and I loved her very dearly. I played in the group at Street Fair one year for her during a celebration for her. She was an awsome player and she also gave me organ lessons. I will always remember her. You all have my deepest sympathy and will be in my prayers. She lived a great and full life. Celia Dunmoyer*  
*PS I started lessons when she still was in Linn Grove.*

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**Celia Dunmoyer** - June 19, 2013 at 11:02 PM

SB

*I TO WAS ONE OF DAISY'S STUDENTS FOR 7 YEARS, A LOT OF MEMORIES IN THOSE 7 YEARS!!!!*

**SHARON BINEGAR** - June 20, 2013 at 09:45 PM



“ *My condolences to Daisy's family. I was one of Daisy's many piano students and have her to thank for my life-long love of music. She will be sorely missed.*

*Deb Perry*

**Deb Perry** - June 19, 2013 at 09:46 PM

TN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Daisy Cox. She was a wonderful grandmother to Brian and John Newell and inspired within them and others joy and a deep appreciation for music. She will be remembered for her boundless energy, caring for others and her joy of life that will live on.*

*Ted and Carla Newell*

**Ted and Carla Newell** - June 19, 2013 at 07:42 PM

HF

*Daisy was my friend. She taught my daughter Beth piano, but I grew to know her as a wonderful lady with great joy in her soul. I often took her to see her sister and to the grocery store for a time. She was energetic walked 3 miles per day even when she was past 90. She cared for others more than herself, when she had a bad fall I visited her and she dictated letters to her friends and relatives telling them she was OK.*

*Several times I made corn bread for her, brought her fresh green beans and helped her cook them. But first we had to go to Heyerly's and get a ham hock. She found so much joy in that!*

*My sympathy goes out to her family and her former students. She was one of a kind and the world was blessed to have her in it.*

**Henerietta Fraysier** - June 20, 2013 at 05:17 PM