



Paul B. Fox

September 30, 1934 - January 20, 2019

Paul B. Fox, of Candler, North Carolina, passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord in the late morning of Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Aston Park Health Care Center in Asheville, North Carolina. He was 84.

Mr. Fox was born September 30, 1934 in Estill County, Kentucky, a son of the late John W. and Cora Mae (Spivey) Fox.

He attended school in Kentucky and like many others from that area, came to Indiana as a young man. He married Dessie Barker on September 20, 1952 in Liberty, Indiana and they spent most of their lives in the Wayne County area. He worked for McClelland Casket Co., D&M Manufacturing and retired along with his wife as manager of the Villa Motel in Richmond.

After moving to the Asheville area, he worked another 13 years at the Biltmore Estate.

Paul was an outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting, but his passion was Gospel Music. Paul was a founding member of the First Southern Quartet and after that, he sang with The Gospel Fishermen. He loved playing his guitar and singing with his family and friends. An accomplished songwriter, Paul had several of his compositions recorded by several gospel groups, most notably the Primitive Quartet. Paul loved being around people and loved sharing a good story. He will be remembered for his warm personality and

friendly smile.

Paul was a true Christian gentleman and loved the Lord with all his heart. He was a founding member of the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond and after he and Dessie moved to North Carolina, they faithfully attended the Maple Ridge Baptist Church in Candler.

Paul is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Dessie Hildred Fox; his sons and their wives, Pastor Steven and Kay Fox of Candler, North Carolina, Randy and Tammy Fox of Asheville, North Carolina and Matthew and Dianna Fox of Richmond, Indiana; his grandchildren and their spouses, Heather and Adam White, Jeremy Fox, Cessali Fox, Carson Fox and Noah Fox; his great-grandchildren, Tanner and Emma White; his sister, Hurley Berry as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in passing by his brothers and sisters, Edward Fox, Everett Fox, Elbert J. Fox, Nevada Sue Ward, Ezart Fox, Ledford Frank Fox and Hubert Fox.

Services for Mr. Paul B. Fox will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church, 794 Round Barn Road South, Richmond, Indiana with his sons, Pastor Steven Fox, Randy Fox and Matthew Fox officiating. Burial will follow to Salem Primitive Baptist Cemetery near Hagerstown.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the church.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle, Indiana.

For those choosing to make a memorial contribution, the family has suggested they be offered to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org or Maple Ridge Baptist Church, PO Box 118, Chandler, NC 28715. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mr. Paul B. Fox.

Cemetery Details

Salem Primitive Baptist Cemetery

4926 Salem Church Rd
Greens Fork, IN 47345

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Freedom Missionary Baptist Church
794 Round Barn Road South
Richmond, IN 47374

Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Freedom Missionary Baptist Church
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Richmond, IN 47374

Tribute Wall

FS

“ *PRAYING FOR COMFORTING AND HEALING FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.*



Farron M Catron Sr - January 29, 2019 at 07:38 PM

RF

Thank you so much

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:45 PM

LB

“ *I've known Brother Paul most of my life. The First Southern Quartet came to Memorial Baptist Church numerous times to sing. They were a favorite of my grandfather, Rev. Ross Dobbs. A special memory we will never forget was when my grandpa was in Ball Memorial hospital and the quartet drove from Richmond to visit and sing a song for him. They started to shut the door but the nurses wanted it left open, they said they wanted to hear the song also. They sang "Who Will Sing For Me" and grandpa got so happy and lifted up praising God while in his sick bed. They will never know what that meant to grandpa and our family. When he passed, they came and sang at his service. We will always remember "The Richmond Boys" as he referred to them. God bless your family with strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Ronnie & Linda Black

Linda Black - January 23, 2019 at 09:25 AM

RF

I have memories of Brother Dobbs and The First Southern singing at Memorial. Thank you for your prayers.

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:50 PM

DJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. We are in Florida and will miss the calling but our thoughts and prayers will be with the family.*

Dick and Jane Jackson

Dick and Jane Jackson - January 23, 2019 at 08:33 AM

RF

Thankful for your prayers

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:51 PM

GH

“ *Dear Fox Family,
Paul was a great inspiration and encourager to me when I was a child at First Southern Missionary Baptist Church. He and The First Southern Quartet are why I learned to play guitar and sing gospel music. May God comfort you all.*

*Gary Hall
Berea, KY*

(my dad and mom were Albert and Ruth Hall and I had one brother Mike who went by Red)

Gary Hall - January 22, 2019 at 03:13 PM

RF

Thank you Gary, appreciate your prayers

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:53 PM

BH

“ *What a blessing this man was. Our prayers are with Dessie and the family. May God bless you all. Love and prayers.*

Betty Hensley - January 22, 2019 at 02:43 PM

RF

Thank you Betty

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:54 PM

RW

“ *R, A. Wagers lit a candle in memory of Paul B. Fox*



R, A. Wagers - January 22, 2019 at 10:44 AM

RF

Love you R.A.

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:54 PM

WB

“ *Will always remember the wonderful voices of his quartets in my childhood. Prayers and safe travels for the family. He will be missed.*
Wanda Hampton Bolte

Wanda Bolte - January 22, 2019 at 09:34 AM

RF

Thank you Wanda

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:55 PM

BA

“ Loved hearing him sing all my teenage years when we went to singings with my Dad. Heaven is sounding sweeter as they add his voice. Our sympathies to his family and friends.

Brenda & Andy Anderson - January 21, 2019 at 05:49 PM

RF

Amen, appreciate your prayers

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul B. Fox.



January 21, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul B. Fox.



January 21, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul B. Fox.



January 21, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ On behalf of the Edgeworth Family I send our love thoughts & prayers!! Randy, I won't ever forget the night your Dad & I met. You introduced us one night at the quartet's Christmas Sing in Pigeon Forge the year Jeff's Briley was born. Another VERY FOND memory is sitting beside him singing Look To Calvary (that he wrote) under the tent in Hominy Valley on Field Day along with around half a dozen other folks. Hug your mother for me!!! Love & God bless - Jimmie, Donna, Megan & Mae Edgeworth



Megan Edgeworth - January 21, 2019 at 01:02 PM

RF

Thank you, appreciate your friendship

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:57 PM

JB

“ Jackie Barker lit a candle in memory of Paul B. Fox



Jackie Barker - January 21, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RF

Love you Jackie

Randy Fox - January 30, 2019 at 09:58 PM