



JAMES LEON COX

May 6, 1947 - February 16, 2026

COX, James Leon, age 78, of Middletown, Ohio passed away Monday, February 16, 2026 at Atrium Medical Center where he had been a patient for eight days. He was born May 6, 1947 in Middletown and lived here all his life. He graduated from Lemon-Monroe High School Class of 1965. He was a scheduler in Production Planning at AK Steel in the Coil Paint Dept. retiring in 1993, and then was a scheduler in Pre-Finish Metals for 10 years. He was an avid fan of Hot Rod cars. James also loved spending time with his family. Preceding him in death were his parents, James Asa and Ruby May (Fraley) Cox; and his wife, Doris Jean in 2012. He was a member of Berachah Church. He is survived by four children, Greg Cox (Kristi), Shannon Shepherd, Eric Cox (Leann), and Jamie Cox (Lisa); nine grandchildren, Kyerra, Kyler, Kassidy, Mariah, Amber, Austin, Caleb, D.J. and Taylor and fifteen great grandchildren; one sister, Donna Jean Gentry (Rick), one niece, Sandy Arkwright; and many extended family and friends. A Private Celebration of Life will be held. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Leon was such a very nice man. We always enjoyed our reunions when he attended with his late wife Doris and children. We are truly sorry for his passing. Prayers for his children and grandchildren
Greg, Paula and Zack Hahn*

Paula - February 17 at 02:20 PM

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“ *My first memory of Jim- he was a member of the tractor club and he and Doris would show their John Deere. We became quick friends . Later his son, Jamie worked for us at our farm. Jim helped rake and bale hay for us also. Always a friend. Never forgotten. My sincere sympathy! Resting with Doris and hearing her sing!*

Mary Dengler - February 17 at 12:40 PM