



## Donald Thomas Lyerly

May 24, 1944 - January 10, 2021

Donald Thomas Lyerly, 76, of Salisbury, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his home.

Born May 24, 1944 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Mary "Sue" Goss Lyerly and Ralph Thomas Lyerly.

Mr. Lyerly graduated from South Rowan High School, Class of 1962 and Rowan Cabarrus Community College. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army (Rank E-4) serving from 1966-1969.

A welder/machinists by trade, he was Production Manager for Salisbury Machinery before retiring. Prior to that he was employed by Brad Ragan and Cannon Mills.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, Past Master of Eureka Masonic Lodge #283, A.F. & A.M., the Eureka #277 Order of the Eastern Star, Rowan County Shrine Club where he was Past President and has served as Secretary/Treasurer for the past 20 plus years, served as Chairman of the Annual Paper Drive, Royal Order of Jesters, Scottish Rites, Oasis Temple, Charlotte where he was a member of the Potentate Guard, VFW Post 8989, and was a 50 Year member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post #342.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 13 years, Linda Hipps Lyerly; daughters, Sheri Foster and husband Russell of Salisbury, Kimberly Starnes and husband Charles of Mooresville; step-daughter, Elizabeth Story and husband Jeff of Lincolnton; grandchildren, Ethan Foster, Jill Sellers and husband Sev, Katherine Starnes and fiancé' Josh Severt, and Thomas Starnes (Madison Brewer); step-grandchild, Ava Marie Story.

The family will greet friends from 6-8 PM Thursday (Jan. 21) at Concordia Lutheran Church in the Family Life Center. A Graveside Service will be conducted 10 AM – Friday (Jan. 22) at the Salisbury VA National Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Reed, minister of

Concordia Lutheran Church, officiating, with Masonic Graveside Rites and Military Graveside Rites by the NC Army National Guard and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, Florida 33607, <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc.>, or the Order of the NC Eastern Star Grand Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Lyerly family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Concordia Lutheran Church  
China Grove, NC

## Graveside Service

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Don... I thank you for your kindness shown to me; I thank God we were part of the same Grand Family. May flights of angels sing you to your sweet rest. Mizpah-  
Michelle Surratt

Michelle Surratt - January 12, 2021 at 06:23 PM

KM

Our family shares your grief as we have all been a part of the same family for many years, be it in-laws, outlaw's, etc. We've watched our children grow together, be it grandchildren, nephews and nieces. You have always been a respected faithful man, we wish peace and comfort for all those who grieve. For your daughters and sweet wife, special prayers go out to them.  
sincerely,  
the Miller's.

Kaye Miller - January 22, 2021 at 08:28 AM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers



Judy Ritchie - January 12, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MB

So sorry for your loss

Marjorie Beaver - January 13, 2021 at 11:47 AM

AM

“ Linda, I am so very sorry that you have to go through this!!! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers!! It was a pleasure for me to be his personal page when he was Grand Warder!! What amazed me was his phone call to me and him asking me to do that!! He was a very special man!!! Love ❤️ & Hugs 🤗 to you!!!!

Auretia Mullis - January 12, 2021 at 06:40 AM

AP

“ Don was my boss for a very long time at Salisbury Machinery. I will be ever so grateful for him giving me, a woman, a chance in a welding world. He always treated me with respect and dignity.

April - January 11, 2021 at 11:00 PM

MM

*Linda thinking of you. This is a difficult time but know God has his plan. Love you.  
Mary Lynn*

---

**Mary Lynn Massengill** - January 12, 2021 at 03:51 PM



*Linda I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family. Pat*

---

**Patricia Smith** - January 15, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SC

*January 18, 2021*

*Linda H. Lyerly and family*

*A memorial gift was given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the Capital Building Fund  
in memory of Donald Lyerly, from:*

*Becky Lyerly, 1912 Webb Road, Salisbury, NC 28146*

*Blessings,  
Pamela Cottingham  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

---

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** - January 18, 2021 at 01:00 PM