



William Henry "Bill" Lyon

December 4, 1929 - May 5, 2025

William Henry "Bill" Lyon, Age 95, died peacefully on May 5, 2025, due to complications consistent with his age. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Bill loved people and delighted in making them happy through acts of kindness, care, and humor.

He was born on December 4, 1929, in Madison, WV, to Myrtle and Bruce Lyon. Bill graduated from Greenbrier Military Academy in 1947 and went on to Washington and Lee University, where he played football and earned a degree in Business Administration. Bill was a veteran serving in the counterintelligence division of the Army during the Korean War. In 1959, Bill and his wife, Ruth Blakeslee Lyon, moved to Salisbury, NC where they raised their daughters. There, he began a distinguished career in the furniture industry. Together with his partner, Larry Shaw, they started two wrought iron furniture companies—Carolina Forge and Lyon-Shaw. While living in Salisbury, Bill was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and also the Rotary Club. Sadly, in 1980, Ruth predeceased Bill after a long illness with Multiple Sclerosis. In 1982, he married Margie Davis and moved to Winston-Salem, where along with Margie, he continued his career in the casual furniture industry. In 2005, Bill was so very honored to be the first non-retailer to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Casual Furniture Association. Later, Bill and Margie moved to the coast of North Carolina to be close to the ocean, which they both loved. Unfortunately, and

sadly, in 2017, Margie passed away after an illness.

Throughout his life, Bill was gregarious, optimistic, and loved telling jokes, which he repeated often making his friends and family laugh every single time. Bill was a loving father and devoted husband who cared for his wives in sickness and in health. He had a long life filled with love for his family and many friends.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Lou Lewis, his children, Barbara and George Beal, Nancy Lyon and Dale Welk, Judy and Greg Chapin, Marion and Derek Hanes, and Margie and Jeff Helms, along with his grandchildren: Charlotte Beal, Billy and Melanie Tomaszewski, Michael and Christopher Chapin, Currie and Palmer Hanes, George and William Helms.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, NC at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 29, 2025. A family burial will be held at Rowan Memorial Park prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Outerbanks Wildlife Rescue Shelter, Inc.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society: www.nationalmssociety.org

The Outerbanks Wildlife Rescue: www.outerbankswildlifeshelter.com

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Lyon family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

KA

“ To Bill's wonderful family- our love goes out to you all, we will miss Bill. He was our great neighbor for years along with Margie. He was always courteous with a smile on his face. A true gentleman. Doug will miss his Birthday Buddy- me too. Our prayers and love go out to you all.

Doug and Kim Allen

Kim Allen - June 28, 2025 at 06:31 PM

DH

“ My father-in-law and close friend. I will miss you until we meet again. Rest assured I think of you often. When I reminisce, I find myself laughing at one of the many jokes or stories you've shared. Thank you for so many wonderful memories. Derek

Derek Hanes - May 20, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JC

“ Dear Judy and Nancy,
I am sorry about the passing of your father. May God bring you peace. Judy

Judy Coble - May 19, 2025 at 11:32 AM

MR

“ I remember when Bill and Margie moved in to plantation village now called Porters

They were such a happy couple friendly and open and an asset to the community.

Decided to get a puppy and Sammy was his name. Adorable cute and fun to be with.

I'm sure that Bill would be pleased to see how happy Sammy is in his new home

You are missed Bill. But Sammy lives as a remembrance of you and your kindness.

Margaret Riano - May 15, 2025 at 09:23 AM