

Harold David Lyons Jr.

May 31, 1949 - May 24, 2024

Harold David Lyons, Jr., 74, formerly of Star, ID, departed this world peacefully on May 24, 2024, at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. Born on May 31, 1949, in Abbeville, LA, David was the cherished son of the late Harold David and Mabel (née Noel) Lyons, Sr. David was a man of many talents and passions, known for his literary prowess and insatiable curiosity about the world.

From a young age, he displayed a remarkable aptitude for writing, a gift he would cultivate and refine throughout his life. He attended college at Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, LA majoring in music, which was a huge part of his life, enriching his experiences and connecting him to others. He spent most of his career as a travel writer for Northwest Airlines inflight magazine, a role that allowed him to combine his love for travel with his talent for storytelling. “Night Hawk” was his nom de plume at Memphis Magazine, and he taught creative writing at Memphis State.

David enjoyed fly fishing and tying flies as a hobby in his earlier years. David’s culinary skills were renowned among his family and friends; he took immense pleasure in preparing and sharing Cajun-inspired favorites such as gumbo and creole. His strategic mind and expansive vocabulary made him an extraordinary Scrabble player, elevating each game to a cerebral delight. David had a wonderful sense of humor, adding joy and laughter to every

gathering.

He is survived by his brother, Dr. Edward P. Lyons, and his wife, Donna, of Lafayette, LA, his two sisters, Michelle L. McCarthy and her husband, “Mac”, of Bonita Springs, FL, and Ethel L. Smith and her husband, Chris, of Sugar Tree, TN; and his cherished nieces and nephews to many of whom he was known as “Powee” or just “Uncle David”: Cheryl, Daniel, Allen, Natalie, Brandon, Brent, Madelyn, and Lauren. He also leaves behind his adored great-nieces and nephews: Blaine, Christopher, Garrett Ross, Noel, Allie, Piper, Quinn, Ryan, Maddox, Mollie, Hunter, John, Will, Madison, Hayden, and Berkley, all of whom brought immense joy to his life.

David’s enduring legacy of love, creativity, and intellectual curiosity will continue to resonate in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. Services will be held in Abbeville, LA, where he will be interred at a later date in his beloved hometown.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations in David’s honor be made to Hope Hospice, 27100 Imperial Pkwy., Bonita Springs, FL 34135, or the Macular Degeneration Association, 5969 Cattleridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL (<http://macularhope.org>).

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ I am very saddened to just now be discovering the passing of Dave. Dave and I were roommates while he attended NLU (now U ofLa Monroe). We both played tuba in the Northeast La. Band, and once fit both tubas, me and himself into my girlfriends (now wife of 50 years) VW Beetle. We lost track of each other in the mid 80s. God rest old friend, I think of you often

John L. Tarver - Baton Rouge, LA

John Tarver - February 03 at 05:29 PM



“ Holly Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Harold Lyons



Holly Wilcox - March 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ Just learning of David's passing. You were a good soul and a true renaissance man old son. You will be deeply missed by all who knew you.

*Kevin Caffery
New Iberia, LA*

Kevin Caffery - October 15, 2024 at 02:53 PM

Holly Wilcox

“ *Holly Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Harold Lyons*



Holly Wilcox - August 11, 2024 at 11:06 PM

Holly Wilcox

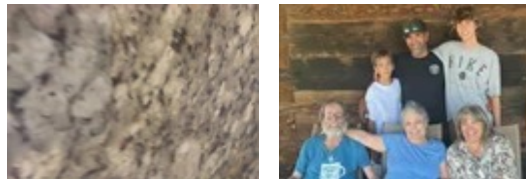
“ *Holly Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Harold Lyons*



Holly Wilcox - August 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

Holly Wilcox

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Holly Wilcox - July 30, 2024 at 09:57 PM

Holly Wilcox

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Holly Wilcox - July 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *David Lyons was a Kind and Loving Man who always looked out for his Loved Ones.
He was Smart and Loving and Funny
And He Will Live in My Heart Forever.*

Holly Wilcox - July 08, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Holly Wilcox - July 07, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *I am sad to hear this. I knew David in grad school at Memphis State and always enjoyed his company. David had great wit, humor, and was just a delight to spend time with. He inspired his students and friends by his example, to be curious and to live life to its fullest as he did.*

Lyman McLallen - July 05, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Holly Wilcox I Will Always Cherish Him. lit a candle in memory of Harold Lyons*



Holly Wilcox I Will Always Cherish Him. - July 03, 2024 at 09:03 PM