



John J. Lyons

April 19, 1940 - August 7, 2019

PITTSBURG – John J. Lyons, 79, of Pittsburg, NH, died in his home on Aug. 7, 2019, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born in Brattleboro, Vt., on April 19, 1940, the third child of Francis D. and Laura (Boyle) Lyons. He was raised in a loving Irish Catholic home there. John had a strong and quiet faith. He was a very good athlete and captain of his high school basketball and baseball teams, and a stand-out pitcher at Saint Michael's High School.

After graduating from high school in 1958, he attended Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vt. He graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. After graduating, he was drafted into the Army and served with honor from 1962 - 64.

After his military service, John met the love of his life on a blind date in Boston in 1964. John and Georgie were married in 1965, and they raised their four children in Amherst, NH, for 30 years.

John had a long and successful career at Sanders Associates in Nashua working in the defense industry. He retired from BAE. John had a strong work ethic and plenty of energy, but often said, "Do you work to live or live to work?" His family always came first. John lived a life filled with family and friends,

laughter and love. He had a great sense of humor, natural kindness, and was always a champion of the underdog.

John was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish and hunt. John and Georgie began to visit Pittsburg, NH, in 1968. They bought the family camp there in 1970 and have had a lifetime of wonderful times.

With a great appreciation of natural beauty, in retirement he drove cross-country with his best friend, Georgie, on a two-month adventure. They also part took on two trips for eight weeks of adventure traveling throughout Ireland.

Also in "retirement," they moved to Pittsburg in 2000 and founded Beartree Cabins, Murphy's Steakhouse and The Glen at Beartree in 2001.

John is survived by his wife of 54 years, Georgie (Lamy) Lyons of Pittsburg NH; 4 children, Daniel P. Lyons (Kathleen) of Newbury Mass., Colleen Ives (Daniel) of Manchester, NH, Matthew Lyons of Amherst, NH, Kaitlin Davis (Sean) of Plymouth Mass.: 9 grandchildren, Joseph Lyons, Shannon Lyons, Norah Lyons, Haley Mattice, Margaret Ives, Cillian Davis, Declan Davis, Liam Davis, and Teagan Davis.

John is predeceased by his parents, Francis and Laura Lyons, his sister MaryEllen Shield, and his brother, Francis D. Lyons.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated the next morning, Monday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. at St. Albert's Church in West Stewartstown. Burial will immediately follow in the Lakeside Cemetery in Pittsburg.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of John may be made to the Northwoods Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561; or to the Missionaries of Charity at www.motherteresa.org.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Lake Cemetery

US Route 3
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Albert's Roman Catholic Church
Church Street
West Stewartstown, NH

Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Sincere sympathy to the Lyons family.*

Hasen and Jeannine Burns

Hasen Burns - September 04, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. Lyons.*



August 30, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Lyons.*



August 30, 2019 at 10:22 AM

RT

“ *Rich, April, Autumn, Hunter, & Tyler Tedeschi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John J. Lyons.*



Rich, April, Autumn, Hunter, & Tyler Tedeschi - August 30, 2019 at 09:36 AM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - August 29, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Lyons.*



August 29, 2019 at 04:42 PM

MM

“ *To John's family and many friends my sincere condolences. John and I were classmates at St Michael's College, Class of 1962, We started together in the fall of 1958 and shared an off campus adventure in March of 1959 when we attempted to follow and support our winning basketball team to Evansville, Indiana for the small college NCAA finals. A winter hitch hiking road trip, (ill fated) that never accomplished the goal of reaching Evansville but produced many interesting experiences and road stories. John's strong character, resolve and sense of humor helped us salvage and survive the trip. We learned more than a few life lessons through the experience. Early on John exhibited the qualities that would make him a success...I have very fond memories of John and our time at St Michael's.*

*Mike Meehan
SMC '62*

Mike Meehan - August 28, 2019 at 10:28 AM

SB

“ Dear Aunt Georgie,

I am so sorry for your loss of Uncle John. I spent many summers with your family at "Camelot." The Blake family sends their sympathies to you and Dan, Colleen, Mat and Kaitlin (spouses) and your grandchildren I hope the wonderful memories you have give you comfort and peace.

Sue (Sizemore) Blake, Brian and Samuel Blake

Suzanne Blake - August 19, 2019 at 06:35 PM

AC

“ Georgie,

We are so saddened to hear of the passing of John. We are filled with many memories of our children growing up together and the times with you and John. Our sympathy goes to you and all your children and grandchildren. May your hearts heal being filled with happy memories of truly a wonder Husband, Father and Grandfather. A truly great person!!

Love to all of you.

Blessings and peace,

Rocco and Audrey Civiello 💕💕

audrey civiello - August 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John J. Lyons.



August 14, 2019 at 12:38 PM

CC

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to you Georgie and you entire family... my heart goes out to all of you and I am praying for you to find peace at this very difficult time ... it was an honor to meet and work for John at Murphy's...such a wonderful man!



carol congelos - August 12, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Our hearts go out to Georgie and all the family. John was (is!) a beautiful soul. Heaven is richer for his arrival. May God's Arms hold you all tightly in the days ahead... and may the promises of our Heavenly Father keep you looking forward as life continues onward. We are but passing thru this land. One fine day, we'll be reunited for all eternity, thank You Jesus.

We love you.

Jane and Bruce Kirk

Jane Kirk - August 12, 2019 at 06:49 AM

VM

“ My oldest sister and her ex husband used to work at Sanders many years ago. My boyfriend took me to Murphy's Steakhouse one Valentine's Day and we had a fantastic evening. Our deepest condolences to the Lyons family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Val and Gary

Valerie Mahnke - August 11, 2019 at 09:42 AM

MC

“ *The warmth and affection we received from John and Georgie when we stayed at their home for his daughters Kaitlin wedding we will always remember & cherish*
Maree & Pat Carr

maree carr - August 10, 2019 at 10:36 AM