



## William Joseph "Bill" Lyons

October 6, 1943 - February 6, 2024

William Joseph ("Bill") Lyons passed away on February 6, 2024, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Born on October 6, 1943 in Denver, CO, Bill was the oldest son of William and Jeannie Lyons. His youth was spent in Needles, CA and Bountiful, UT with his 3 siblings. Following his high school graduation Bill joined the Air Force, serving as a Communications Specialist from 1962-1966. During this time, while stationed at Andrews in Camp Springs, MD, Bill met his wife Ruth – a blind date arranged by mutual friends in 1965. As blind dates go, it was a bit of a rocky start but Bill managed to sweep the young lass off her feet and they married on August 20, 1966.

When not working his job of 38 years at the Census Bureau, as Branch Section Chief, Bill enjoyed playing golf, spreading his loyalty for Ford vehicles, and maintaining the best kept yard in the neighborhood. Bill was also active in the Jaycees, where he won several awards and served as President in 1976/1977.

Bill had a unique sense of humor, always ready with a quip or quirky remark to fit any situation, or family member. When the family was preparing to go somewhere, it was Bill who would remind them "if you're not 15 minutes early, you're 15 minutes late." And everyone who visited the Lyons' swimming pool on Pagnell Circle knew to watch out for the alligator lurking at the bottom. Throughout his retirement years Bill filled his time with crossword puzzles, more golf, and spending time with his grandchildren – but rest assured that cup-of-coffee always remained in his hand.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his granddaughter Katie Murray and bother-in-law Ken Pollard. Left behind to celebrate his life are his wife of 57 years Ruth Lyons, his son John Lyons, his daughter Christy Murray and her husband Stephen, and his grandchildren Billy and Robbie Lyons and Ellie Murray, and his siblings Donna Pollard, John & Sandy Lyons, and Becky & Ralph Vigil. And, of course, a good number of nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws and friends; all of whom called him family.

While we are all saddened by his passing we take comfort knowing he is in a better place where golf rounds are free, the coffee is always ready, and your favorite crime shows run all day.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite local charity in honor of Bill.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Church Cemetery at Newport

11555 St. Mary's Church Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

PR

“ Pam Rollins-Butler lit a candle in memory of William Joseph "Bill" Lyons



Pam Rollins-Butler - February 21, 2024 at 12:05 PM

LH

“ Liasue H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph "Bill" Lyons.

Liasue H. - February 21, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JL

“ John & Sandy Lyons purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Joseph "Bill" Lyons.



John & Sandy Lyons - February 19, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JL

“ John & Sandy Lyons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph "Bill" Lyons.

John & Sandy Lyons - February 19, 2024 at 02:26 PM

MM

“ Mike Tate Family & Motley’s purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William Joseph “Bill” Lyons.



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Mike Tate Family & Motley’s - February 19, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LM

“ Lou & Colleen Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Joseph “Bill” Lyons.



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Lou & Colleen Martin - February 18, 2024 at 09:41 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Pikulski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph “Bill” Lyons.

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Dorothy Pikulski - February 13, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Joseph “Bill” Lyons.



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February 12, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ From: *Jeremy Lyons* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *William Joseph "Bill" Lyons*.

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**Jeremy Lyons** - February 12, 2024 at 11:19 AM