



## Gordon Kenneth "Ken" Lyons

November 9, 1920 - September 5, 2009

Gordon Kenneth Lyons, a retired executive, died at the Talbot Hospice House in Easton on September 5, 2009. He was 88 years of age.

Born November 9, 1920 at Haymarket, Virginia, he was the son of the late, John William Lyons and Mary Tracy Harrell. After working at a critical job at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., he joined the U.S. Navy and served with distinction as a Chief Petty Officer in WW II with LCT Flotilla 4. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he landed in France and remained there until late November. He received the European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Medal; the American Theatre Campaign Medal; the Victory Medal World War II; the Normandy Invasion Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty; and the U.S. Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Lyons lived in Manassas, Virginia from 1923 until 1936. He graduated from Washington and Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia in 1938. After attending The George Washington University, he was employed by International Business Machines Corporation for 37 years, retiring in 1985. His career was one of varied assignments for IBM as salesman, sales manager, and National Director of Sales Training. He excelled and won numerous awards during his tenure. After his retirement, Mr. Lyons worked in an administrative capacity with Inter-Rail Transport, Inc., in Centreville. Long associated with the Episcopal Church, he was a Lay Eucharistic Minister at

the Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C., St. Paul's Parish in Centreville, and at Christ Episcopal Church in Easton.

He had a lifelong involvement with the environment. His work with "The Clean Water Program" was a hallmark for him during the 1970s. A member of the Nature Conservancy, he was a director of the Colorado chapter. He was the representative of the Virginia Wildlife Association to the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He worked with the Virginia Ornithological Society's bird-banding station at Kiptopeke, Virginia for a number of years. He enjoyed time with his family and friends, books, music, poker, cribbage, fishing, observing the natural world, and a good pint of Guinness. Above all, he loved the countryside and the mystic Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Mr. Lyons is survived by the family he loved and was proud of: His wife, Sara Woods Lyons; his four sons: Gregory Kenneth and wife, Sharon of California; Douglas Keith of Virginia; John Bradford and wife, Elizabeth of California; MacNeil Burton and wife, Lucyna of Montana; his niece, Lael Lyons of Virginia; his grandchildren: Alicia Renee of Colorado; Jonathan Christopher of Virginia; Justin Michael and Jessica Nichol of California; his great-grandson, Declan Michael.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, Easton on Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Lyons will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Yellowstone Association Institute, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; or the Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gordon Kenneth "Ken" Lyons

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Gordon Kenneth "Ken" Lyons

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Gordon Kenneth "Ken" Lyons

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Ken was a good friend of my father  
You have my sympathies##imported-begin##H.Hoyt Heinmuller  
Mission Texas##imported-end##

October 01, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Sara and MacNeil~ We are so sorry to hear of your recent loss. As I told MacNeil in a message on Facebook~ we don't hear all the news from C'ville much anymore, and just read the news last week. We weren't sure how to reach you to send our most sincere sympathy. Our Sarah and Carolynn send theirs as well. Please know you will remain in our prayers as you face these difficult days. All our love, The Chlada's##imported-begin##Peg and John Chlada##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 10:28 PM



“ Dear Brad, we are very sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He certainly had a full life. I know you and your family will miss him dearly.

Sounds like he was ahead of his time when it came to the environment. You should feel very proud of his accomplishments.

Our thoughts will be with you and your family.

Love, Gary and Sheila##imported-begin##Gary and Sheila Levy##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 06:02 PM



“ Dear Brad and the entire family,

Our deepest sympathy to you during this time. Our thoughts, prayers and love to you.##imported-begin##Liz and Larry Mischou##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ I will miss this dear man. My love and prayers are with you Sara and your family.

Mary Burton##imported-begin##Mary Sheppard Burton##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ Sara,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. He was a special man. Make sure you  
tell McNeil hello for my son C.L. Dadds###imported-begin##Bev  
Dadds###imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 02:24 PM