



William Joseph Lyons, Jr.

October 10, 1927 - October 12, 2024

William (Bill) Joseph Lyons, Jr of Corbin Rd in Hamden, CT, born October 10, 1927, passed away on October 12. He was 97. Born in Billerica, MA, his family moved to Hamden, CT when he was a child and there, he spent most of his life. He graduated from Hamden High School and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), class of 1948, where he earned his degree in Electrical Engineering (Course 6). After graduating from MIT, he then proudly served in the Army Signal Corps. Following his service, he worked for the Bell System and the Southern New England Telephone Company for 42 years as a microwave engineer. During his stint with the Bell Systems, he spent three years at the Bell Labs in New Jersey participating in the development of transatlantic telephone service. Despite his love of trains and an early desire to work for the railroad – often visiting the New Haven RR Station with his kids and watching the locomotives for hours – he decided the telephone company was where he wanted to spend his working life; a career that allowed him to combine his passions for communicating, creating things and bringing people together. Bill was a long-time parishioner and volunteer at the Church of the Ascension in Hamden.

After retiring, he began his second career as an educator. He earned his Master's in Education from Fairfield University and taught a number of courses there. Bill was inspired by the engineers he worked with throughout his career and after retiring made it his life's work to help all students, and particularly women, achieve the technical education to which they aspired at

his Alma Mater. He served as an MIT admissions interviewer for many years and was recognized for his commitment, receiving the George B Morgan '20 Award for his contribution to the Education Council.

Bill was a devoted father who instilled his 'renaissance spirit' in his children. He had his pilot's license and loved to fly. He was an amateur musician who played the ukulele, the organ and the saxophone. He also enjoyed photography and demonstrated his gentle sense of humor in every photo he took. He loved New England and its natural beauty. Each year he announced spring with the status of his daffodils starting when they first broke through the snow in February. And he made sure his children never missed the fall in New England by collecting and sending the brightest leaves when the color was at its best.

He is survived by his sister Justine (RSCJ), his 4 children (Bill 3rd, Justine, Jim and Chris) and their wonderful spouses (Kellie, Sotiris, Amy and Dawn), 2 grandchildren Jason and Alicia, and 5 grand dogs. He is also survived by a vast extended family who has helped with his care in these last years. We are so grateful to the wonderful staff of Colebrook Village in Hebron, CT and Rachel Strout, originally of Colchester, CT, for the love and care they have provided.

A service will be held on October 17th at 1PM at Sisk Brother's Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue in Hamden. The family will receive friends Thursday from 12 noon until time of service. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the children ask that a donation be made to the Alzheimer's Association to help fund Alzheimer's research.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave
PO Box 185066
Hamden, CT 06518

Funeral service

OCT 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the SNET Retirees Assoc please accept our sincere condolences.
Should you require any help with AT&T to secure Bill's life insurance please do not hesitate to contact me directly .
Joann Alix-Gagain

JoAnn Alix-Gagain - October 17, 2024 at 09:10 PM

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“ I grew up on Corbin Road and remember Mr. Lyons as a very nice man. My condolences to his family and friends.
Sara Hoyt

Sara Hoyt - October 14, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Joseph Lyons, Jr..



October 14, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William Joseph Lyons, Jr..



October 14, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ Peraton IT Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph Lyons, Jr..

Peraton IT Team - October 14, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Justine Lyons - October 14, 2024 at 09:57 AM