



Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.

August 30, 1936 - December 25, 2021

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr. 85, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

Curly was born in Rochester, New York.; he was one of four children. He later moved to Bath, N.Y. where he resided until , he made his long scenic journey across the U.S. on Rt. 66, to serve in the United States Army. He was a part of the 82nd Airborne Division, even though "he didn't like heights". While serving the country, he was stationed in Germany for a year of his enlistment. Once he returned stateside, he met and courted, the love of his life, Margie Bailey. This past year, they celebrated 64 years of marriage. Once a civilian, he began working as a Roanoke Police officer. He was aspiring to become a Virginia State police officer. However, he was hired by the telephone company, and served C & P telephone with great distinction for 31 years. His time at the telephone company was a time in which Curly moved up through the ranks, all while he was serving the citizens of Vinton, VA., as a town Council Member and raising his family. Once he retired, he began his business with his son, and granddaughter, in Big Stone Gap, VA. During his years in Big Stone Gap, Curly was a Boy Scout troop leader for the 604 troop. Where he enjoyed teaching young men outdoor, and life skills. He was a devoted grandfather, who assumed the role of father to several of his grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time on Smith Mountain Lake where he fished, water skied, and

shared his love of the water with his entire family. He was a faithful servant of the Lord all his years.

He was preceded in death by his wife's parents Robert and Opal Bailey, his oldest brother Thomas Lyke, his parents, Vernon and Dorothy (Meeks) Lyke, his son, Calverne Butch Lyke Jr. & his son in law Marion Stephen McKeever.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margie Lyke of the home, his daughter, Cynthia Lyke McKeever of Reedville, VA., grandchildren; Crystal Shante' Lyke, Joshua Thomas Lyke, Leannza Larrimore and husband Ephraim "Kai", Jesse Lyke McKeever and wife Veleecia of Oklahoma, three great granddaughters; Nailah, Jovi, & Aurora Jo McKeever, his siblings, Stanford Lyke and wife Joyce of NY, John Lyke and wife Ellie of TX, several other close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Dec 30, 2021, from 12-2 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home for the visitation. Mask required for guest. The service will be conducted following in the funeral home's chapel with Rev. Alan Collier officiating. The committal service will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, with the Active-duty military performing the last rites. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/ZPBQDTND989L9NN9>

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Curly Lyke

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Calverne is my oldest brother, whom I love a lot! He was someone who cared for anybody, whatever their situation. He encouraged me often by his help when I needed it. I will miss him greatly, but I know his faith in our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ has provided him with eternal life in Heaven. I'm looking forward to seeing Calverne again!*

Stan Lyke - January 26, 2022 at 06:36 PM



Calverne was my dear brother in law. He was a great support to my husband , his brother, John. While John was young he helped him through some very difficult times. As John grew up he turned to Calverne for advice and support. Now John is in memory care and Calverne was a huge support to both John and me. I will miss being able to talk to him on the phone and sharing pictures of our flowers. We shared our faith in God and love of family. It will be a happy reunion when we are all in heaven with our Lord and Savior.

Ellie Lyke - January 27, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr..*



December 29, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *I was fortunate to know Curly thru business, in church, and on the mountain. He excelled in any endeavor he tried. He always had God in the forefront. Areal mover and shaker. I extend my my prayers and most sincere condolences to Margie, Crystal and all the family.*
Jerry Fraley

Jerry Fraley - December 28, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *CAROLINE SHORT lit a candle in memory of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*



CAROLINE SHORT - December 27, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *I loved Curly. I used to buy computers from him. We became friends when I had computer issues I couldnt solve. Will miss you buddy.*



Debby Jackson - December 27, 2021 at 09:07 PM

AF

“ *Angelia Rutherford McKinney Fleenor lit a candle in memory of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*



Angelia Rutherford McKinney Fleenor - December 27, 2021 at 06:29 PM

JT

“ *John Tull lit a candle in memory of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*



John Tull - December 27, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DC

“ *Diana Collier lit a candle in memory of Calverne Lawrence "Curly" Lyke Sr.*



Diana Collier - December 27, 2021 at 04:36 PM

MB

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers for the family*
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Melinda Bowman - December 27, 2021 at 03:11 PM