



## Mr. Sidney Clay Lyons

July 18, 1940 - January 7, 2014

Big Stone Gap, VA

Sidney Clay Lyons, age 73, of Powell Valley, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Jan 7, 2014.

Sidney dedicated his life to a military career, proudly serving 40 years, 5 months, and 20 days in the United States Marine Corps.

He was devoted to his family. He enjoyed spending time with his friends, working on the farm, his small engine repair shop and planning his next project. The door to his shop in the valley was always open to those in need and those who like to stop a while to spend time talking. He was a member of the Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge #208 A.F. & A.M..

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ann Lyons; sister, Bobbie Louise Clarkston; and brother, Kermit Roy Lyons.

He is survived by his life partner, Gloria Gilbert; sister, Frances Cobb; nieces, Alice Gibson, Mary Ann Wilder, Beth Roper and Linda Cobb; nephews, John Clarkston, James Clarkston, Roy Lyons and Ray Lyons; his honorary son, Keith Ward; special friend, Tommy Hylton; caring neighbor, Coy Barnett and several close friends.

The family will receive friends for the visitation on Sunday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home (17 East 3rd St. N) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted following in the funeral home sanctuary with the Rev. David Allen Gibson and the Rev. Beth Tipton officiating.

Masonic rites, by the Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge #208 A.F. & A.M., will be held prior to the funeral ceremony.

Military Rites, by the India Co.,3rd Battalion, 25th Marines and local V.F.W. and D.A.V. posts, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the American Legion Cemetery Mausoleum. Those wishing to attend the committal service are asked to meet at Holding Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. on Monday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sidney's memory to the Legion Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 628, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 or the U. S. M. C. Toys for Tots. Contribution forms for the Toys for Tots will be available at Holding Funeral Home, upon request.

You may go online to view the obituary, leave a condolence, or sign the guest registry at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Lyons family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Sidney Clay Lyons*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Our lives were entwined as if by fate. Sidney set up a small engine shop on East 26th Street South when I moved to the area in July of 1985, directly across the street from the apartment I lived in for 5 years. When I met and married Robin I moved to Powell Valley Road and there he was again, directly across the street where he continued his small engine repair/social center. In both residences he always came across the street to keep me abreast of news I needed to know and kept a watchful eye of goings on in each neighborhood. It will be very sad to have the thunderous laughter that has washed across my property for the last 28 years go silent.*

**Thomas K. Benoit** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sidney was a kind, wonderful person. He would stop whatever he was doing to help anyone and will be missed by all. Prayers are for him and his family at this time.*

**Lynn Gunning** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

BL

“ *Frances Cobb a Lyonsnd the Family of Sidney  
Frances- Sorry to hear about Sidney's passing away. I did not realize he was that sick. I am crippled with arthritis and unable to come to the funeral or calling.  
Tip is very sick and in the hospital and I am unable to visit him.  
Would love to see you.Wish you could find time to call me or come by and see me. My phone#- 423-246-6670.Take Care and let me hear from you. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time. Love-Billie*

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**billie lyons** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

EL

“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thoughts and prayers.*

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**Eugene, Tip, Ted, Lyons** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ *I will sure miss getting to stop in and talk with Sidney and get his input with the problems he was always so willing to assist with. He always had time for anybody that stopped in and sure was a big help to me and my family anytime it was needed. The Valley sure has lost a great friend and neighbor and his friends and family will be in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure that anything that was needing fixed up above is already running the best it ever has.*

*The Blantons*

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**Brian Blanton** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

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“ I loved Sidney. He was my husband's friend to start out with. Sidney would come to the house and visit. I started taking part in the conversations and realized what a smart man he was. I really enjoyed listening to his opinions. I miss him already, but cherish his memories,

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**Cathy Lambert** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all my cousins and Gloria. Mom and I both always felt so close to all of you even tho we could not always be with you. I love you all. Sidney was a wonderful person.

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**Julie Lyons Miller** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

EG

“ Sidney was my dads best friend and I worked with him and dad many times and Sidney could always tell a good story and make you laugh so hard. He will be greatly missed by many.  
*Eddie Gardner*

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**Eddie Gardner** - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM