



# William Ernest Lyford

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**W**illiam “Bill” E. Lyford, 90, passed away in his home April 24, 2014. He was born October 1, 1923 in Atkinson, Maine to the late Edwin B. and Grace A. Lyford. He was raised in Atkinson and Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. In 1946 he married his wife, Betty who preceded him in death in 1992. Left to cherish his memory are his son, Paul and his wife Nicki of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Sally Corbin and her husband Roland of Farmington, Maine; six grandchildren, Amy Pelletier and her husband Chris, Paul Fowles and his wife Nicole, Rusty Fowles, Robert Lyford and his wife Kaci, Jessica Pare and her husband Michael and Andrew Coffin; ten great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter and numerous relatives throughout the US. Bill proudly served his country in the US Air Force during WWII in England, France and Germany. He lived and worked as a grocer in Dover-Foxcroft, operating his own supermarket for several years. In 1970 he and Betty moved to Fort Myers where he worked at Publix Supermarkets before retiring in 1990. Bill was active in the Masonic Lodge and Anah Shrine in Maine. He had a life-long love of music and was a talented singer and trumpeter, performing with numerous church choirs and bands. Bill was raised in the Methodist Church and active in Congregational (UCC) and Presbyterian Churches, including Covenant Presbyterian and Pilgrim’s Church in Fort Myers. There will be a memorial service on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will follow in the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Lung Association. Memories and condolences may be left online at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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LR

**Lynette Rayfield** posted:

Sally and Paul. I just learned of Bill's passing. My sincere sympathy to you and to your families. He was a light in this world, just a fun and fabulous guy. I loved being with your family,. Your home was always such a happy and loving place. I guess you know that, since I hardly ever left. It is never easy to loose a loved one but I'm sure those happy memories will keep you company and continue to make you smile. I hope to talk to you soon.Love Lynette

May 12 at 11:18 AM

BA

**Bart** posted:

To my first Boss and good freind I know you will be missed by family and freinds. My memories of the IGA are some of the best .You and Betty treated me like an adopted son and made me feel very proud . Your freind Bart Merrill

May 1 at 3:55 PM

TE

**Terrymarleyderosier** posted:

I will miss Bill and his wonderful sense of humor " I wish you had told me that a half hour ago ! "I am with you all in soul and spirit ! Love , Terry Marley-DeRosier

April 30 at 12:54 PM

KP

**Kathy And Joe Pelletier** posted:

We Love you Gr Papa we always will remember the Good Time.Especially when you told us so many jokes continue to tell some in heaven say hello to Betty you must be so happy to be with Her again On t,aime Joe,Kathy and Scruffy

April 30 at 9:42 AM

MC

**Mark Chambers** posted:

Sally, Amy, & Family, so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember visiting his grocery store a number of times during my childhood with my grandmother in Dover Foxcroft. I seldom travel to Dover Foxcroft, but when I do, and I pass the location of your dads store, I will fondley remember him & your family.

April 27 at 11:25 AM



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GR

**Glenn And Alvine Rioux** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss Sallyâ?our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. HUGSSSSSSS Glenn and Alvine Rioux

April 26 at 1:45 PM

TH

**Terry Harmon** posted:

Oh Bill, you're now with the love of your life Betty. Everyone will miss him greatly as he was such a wonderful man. Love to Sally and family. Terry and George Harmon

April 25 at 2:17 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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