

The Joplin Globe Obituaries



Lewis Boyer

Apr 22, 1935 - Aug 7, 2016

Lewis "Lynn" Boyer, 81, of Carl Junction, Mo., passed away peacefully from this life in the comfort of his home on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016.

Lynn was born April 22, 1935, in Cossville, Mo. north of Alba, the son of Chester Vern and Mabel Agnes (Means) Boyer.

After graduating from Alba High School in 1953, Lynn played first base in the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league system from 1954 to 1956. When his playing days ended, he earned a bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University, in Kansas, in 1961. He was a full-time college student, also working a 40-hour night job at Eagle Picher, Joplin, Mo., to obtain his education.

Lynn became a coach for baseball and basketball, in addition to teaching biology and health. The schools he coached and taught in were: Walker High School, Walker, Mo. 1961-1965; Quapaw High School, Quapaw, Okla. 1966; Alba High School, Alba, Mo. 1967, also serving as principal; Carl Junction High School, Carl Junction, Mo. 1968-1969; Osceola High School, Osceola, Mo. 1970-1972. As a coach and teacher, Lynn always impressed upon his students the value of a good education.

In 1972, he began working as an apprentice lineman, later becoming a journeyman lineman through IBEW#53. Lynn began his career as an electrician for Ford Motor Co. in 1977 at Claycomo, Mo. and retired after 20 years in 1997. The last five years, while at Ford Motor Co., Lynn was an instructor at the KCAP Technical Training Center.

Lynn and Lyla June Love were married on July 6, 1973; Lyla, his wife of 43 years, survives. They made their home in Independence, Mo. and Blue Springs, Mo. prior to retiring in Carl Junction in the fall of 1997.

Lynn's hobbies were fishing, golfing, hunting, watching sports on TV and caring for his lawn.

Lynn is also survived by his children, Brenda Porter (Dave), Clinton, Mo., Mark Boyer, Independence, Mo., Terry Boyer (Kellie), Blue Springs, Mo., Rhenea Lyle (Chad), Oak Grove, Mo. Surviving grandchildren, Heather Tackett (Aaron), Amanda Himes (Dustin), Cody Boyer, Sarah Schlobohm (Tanner), Austen Boyer, Zachery Washam (Jacque) and Shelby Roberts (George). He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren.

A special blessing added to Lynn's life was being "Uncle Lynn" to Stephanie Seales Smith, Chance Seales and Spencer Miller. He was gifted with being Payton and Lyla Mae Smith's granddad.

Preceding Lynn in death are his siblings, Lela Thelma, Ken Boyer, Clete Boyer and Lenny Boyer. His surviving siblings are Juanita Woodmansee, Cloyd Boyer, Wayne Boyer, Dolores Webb, Pansy Schell, Shirley Lockhart, Ronnie Boyer, Bobbi McNary and Marcy Layton.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Frisco Church, in Webb City, Mo. Pastors Loyd Middleton and Matt Snyder will officiate. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery, in Purcell, Mo. Those honoring Lynn's life by serving as pallbearers are Chance Seales, Matt Boyer, Rocky Schell, Cody Boyer, Austen Boyer, Cameron Snyder and Logan VanWey. Honorary pallbearers include Loyd Middleton, Ralph Gunlock, Bobby Williams, Joe Cook, Clyde

VanWey, and Dave Collard.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to be made to either the ALS Association or to the Jimmy V. Foundation, in care of the mortuary.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mason-Woodard Mortuary & Crematory of Joplin.

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