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**William Francis Lyman Jr.**

William Francis Lyman Jr., 70, passed away in his home in Strafford, Mo. He was born on February 19, 1935, in Putnam, Conn. Bill played minor league baseball with the Kansas City A's as a pitcher 1953-1954. He served in the U.S. Army 1955-1959. He was united in marriage to Barbara Murphy on August 13, 1957, and to this union there were four children. The family lived in Branford, Conn., until they moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1968. Bill worked for DayCo until he formed his own business, Midwest Fiberglass, in 1970. He was very creative and was always working on at least one "project", but usually several "projects" at one time. He was an avid reader. Bill is survived by his four children, Beverly Eil and husband, Ken, Springfield Barbara Eli and fiancé, Steve Galbraith, Nixa Betsy Poindexter and husband, Max, Bonne Terre, Mo. and son, William R. "Willie" Lyman and wife, Becky, Strafford, Mo. seven grandchildren, Bridget Lacy and husband, Scott, Springfield Brandy Lyman and fiancé, Justin Crigger, Springfield Christopher Stinson, Springfield Megan and Asia Eli, Springfield Chelsea Eli, Nixa, and Brandon Lyman, Strafford and one great-grandchild, Kaedon Lacy, Springfield. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 11, 2005, at 10 a.m. in Greenlawn South. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. in Missouri State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Animal Abuse Council, c/o Telecomm Credit Union, Nixa.

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