



Richard Lynn Sauls

January 11, 1933 - October 13, 2023

FITCHBURG: Richard Lynn Sauls, a resident of The Gables of Fitchburg, died October 13, 2023.

He was born January 11, 1933, in a peanut-farm cottage 30 miles from Plains Georgia, and lived in various places in the South until he graduated from Fayetteville North Carolina High School.

He earned a B.A. in Religion from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University), an M.A. in English from Vanderbilt University, a Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa, and completed post graduate work in journalism at Boston University.

Lynn is a member of the College Seventh-Day Adventist Church in South Lancaster, has been an active member of the Adventist Church since his senior year in high school, has served as elder, has spoken in many churches, and with the help from his wife Helen--his best critic--has written many published articles, devotions, and poems, receiving several top awards from the Associated Church Press.

He had a 43-Year career in education, first serving as an elementary and secondary teacher and principal before teaching literature, journalism and creative writing at several colleges and universities, including 17 years at

Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., and at his alma mater Southern Adventist University.

Lynn enjoyed watching beavers on Long Pond in Royalston, Mass., swimming in the Gulf of Mexico at Naples, Fla., and reading books and traveling with his wife Helen. He has enjoyed time with his family, associating with former colleagues and students, and lately with friends at the Gables of Fitchburg.

Lynn was predeceased by his wife, Helen (Braat), his parents Edgar Earl and Mary Craig Sauls, his stepfather Samuel Christian, and his brothers William Steven and Eddy Francis Sauls. He is survived by his son Dr. Raymond (Cherri) Sauls of Ashby, Mass.; three grand children: Stephanie (Edward) Butler of Barnard, Vt., Elizabeth Sauls of Ashby, Mass., and Jillian (Jason) Wailgum of Geneva, Fla; and three great grandchildren: Rayanne MacMillan of Ashby, Mass., and siblings Henry Butler and Simone Butler of Barnard, Vt.

Recently, Lynn said the five best things that happened to him are 1) Giving his heart to Jesus when he was 12 years old, 2) Accepting the Adventist message when he was 17, 3) Attending Southern Missionary College, 4) Enjoying a 67-year marriage with Helen, and 5) Seeing their son grow up to make them proud.

Mr. Sauls' memorial service will be held at 3 PM Saturday, December 9, 2023 at College Seventh -day Adventist Church, 337 South Main Street, Lancaster, MA.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

College Church of Seventh-Day Adventists
337 Main Street
South Lancaster, MA 01561

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Sauls.*



October 24, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Dr. Saul,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Your father must have been very proud of your service to the community and to many families you served in your medical practice for decades. Your dad was obviously an interesting man to say the least. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.
David and Edna McDonald*

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“ *We are sorry that we must say goodbye to a wonderful man. He was a gifted educator and an inspiring writer. Our thoughts and prayers are with all in his family. Myron and Renate Wehtje*

Myron and Renate Wehtje - October 17, 2023 at 03:49 PM