



## Robert E. Lyle

July 6, 1933 - January 24, 2019

LEOMINSTER; Robert E. Lyle, 85, of Leominster, formerly of Fitchburg, died January 24, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Lexington, VA on July 6, 1933, he was the son of the late Austin and Louise (Carpenter) Lyle. He leaves his best friend and loving wife of 41 years, Barbara (Bebick) Smith Lyle. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, retiring after 11 years. He served as president of the local #60 at Foster Grant and was a member of the 25 Year Club. He retired from the New England Joint Board R.W.D.S.U/UFCW/AFL-CIO after serving as the Secretary-Treasurer and Business Representative. He was a founding member of the New Patriots Veteran Outreach Center, as well as a faithful member of the New Patriots Congregational Church in West Fitchburg.

In addition to his loving wife, he leaves two sons, John Lyle, and his partner, Judy, Tony Bannister and his partner Stacey; three daughters, Gayle Kesler and her husband, Thomas, Sandra Collins and her husband, Bruce, Stephanie Calvillo; six grandchildren, Tony Bannister Jr. and his wife, Lisa, Joshua Bannister and his wife, Julie, Rene Paine and her partner, Keith, Rebekah O'Day and her husband, Matthew, Jaime Hennessey and her husband, James, Nicholas Calvillo; eight great grandchildren, Ethan Paine, Jared Paine, Grace Hennessey, James Hennessey, Liam Hennessey, Maeve O'Day, Declan O'Day, and Finley O'Day; a host of nieces and nephews,

cousins and family friends including Frazier Lyle Jr. with whom he was close to. He was preceded in death by daughter, Sylvia Seward, three sisters and six brothers.

Mr. Lyle's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all of his very special caregivers, especially David from Trinity Hospice.

A memorial service will be held 11 AM Friday, February 8th at 11:00am at the New Patriots Congregational Church, 10 Wachusett St., Fitchburg, MA.

There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the NPCC, 10 Wachusett Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 or Trinity Hospice, 545 SW Cutoff, Suite 9, Worcester, MA 01607.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg is assisting the family with arrangements. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Patriot Congregational Church  
10 Wachusett Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Dearest Barbara and Family*  
*My deepest sympathy for the passing of Uncle Bobbie. He was my honorary big brother. You both helped me so much when Andy passed. I could not ask for better friends. He was so kind and caring. It is a pleasure and honor to have known him. May God give you peace and comfort at this time. Even though I knew Bob first, I grew to love you Barbara also. If I can help you, please let me know.*  
*Love*  
*Judy and Matt*

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**Judy Anderson** - February 26, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert E. Lyle.*



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February 18, 2019 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ Barbara:

*Karen and I were just informed of Bob's passing. We offer you our deepest and sincere sympathy.*

*As you know, I met Bob through his Union Position while I was in the Human Resource Department at Foster Grant. I will always remember him as Honest and Truthful in our dealings relative to labor matters at FG.*

*He was instrumental in promoting excellent labor/management relations which in turn helped to keep FG at the forefront of sunglass and plastic chemical business.*

*Bob was a Good Man and Trusted Friend. I will miss Him. Jim and Karen Carnivale*

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**JIM CARNIVALE** - February 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM

AM

“ Bob was always a giving person ,worked with him a Fostor Grants and Unionand became friends he will be missed so sorry I will miss the service I'm still in Louisiana

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**Aggie Marcantonio** - February 06, 2019 at 07:40 AM

YL

“ Hey Uncle Bob! I still remember when you invited me to a three pyramids annual meeting and then told me after I came that you are nominating me to be the next president of the board to succeed you and of course who can refuse when you ask someone to do something and I am still involved till this day so thank you for the many years of wisdom respect loyalty to the city and to the community! Love and miss you always ❤️ Yo

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**Yolanda "Hey Girl" Lewis** - January 30, 2019 at 09:19 PM

YL

“ *Yolanda "Hey Girl" Lewis lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Lyle*



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**Yolanda "Hey Girl" Lewis** - January 30, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CC

“ *Uncle Bobby, You have always been my knight in shining armor. I have loved you all of my life and I always will. Thank you for all you did for Daddy, I know that he will greet you lovingly in heaven as he did on earth. With your leaving there is one less ray of sunshine on this earth. You will be missed. Love, Cindy*

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**C.J. Conteh** - January 30, 2019 at 01:23 PM

SC

“ *Shelina Cox lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Lyle*



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**Shelina Cox** - January 29, 2019 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ *Uncle bobby we will miss you at church snd bible study but I know now all your questions are answered. God Bless*

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**Shelina Cox** - January 29, 2019 at 03:58 PM