



E. Paul Lyon

May 27, 1912 - May 7, 2007

Mr. E. Paul Lyon, age 94, of Highland, IL., died Monday, May 7, 2007, at Heartland Personal Care Home in Woolrich, PA.

He was born May 27, 1912, in Sandy Hook, KY., the son of John and Marinda (nee Sparks) Lyon.

On June 8, 1937, he married Grace E. Lyon, nee Hilsenbeck, who passed away July 3, 1992.

He was a member of First Congregational Church-Highland, IL.

Mr. Lyon was born in Sandy Hook, KY. He spent much of his early life growing up in Van Lear, KY. He attended and graduated from Ashland, KY high school. He attained a B.A. in Education (Music and English majors) from Marshall College in Huntington, WV. He became a Master of Music through Vander Cook College of Music in Chicago, IL. He attained his M.A. in Education/Music from Peabody College in Nashville, TN. Mr. Lyon served with the U.S. Army during WWII in the Special Services Branch providing entertainment for the troops. He taught in War, WV at Big Creek District High School for 1 year, in Jenkins, KY, in Waverly, IL for one year, and in Lovington, IL for 3 years. Following his military service Mr. Lyon returned to Jenkins, KY and taught there for 6 years. Mr. Lyon came to Highland, IL in 1951 and retired from the school district in 1973. While at Highland, he served as Director of Bands and in later years as Director of the Music Department. His band played at the New York World's Fair in 1965; participated in Band Days at the University of MO (the only IL band to play there). His band also played at U of I Band Days on several occasions. Mr. Lyon directed the Highland Muni Band for 26 years. He moved to Woolrich, PA in 2005.

He was a member of First Congregational Church-Highland, IL; Past Pres of South Central Illinois Band Directors Assoc., his bands participated in SCIBDA; Illinois Music

Educators Assoc., District 6 Band Division (president for 3 years); Past Pres of Madison County Band Directors Assoc; Pine Mountain Chapter #247, Order of Eastern Star; Jenkins, KY (Past Worthy Patron); he was also Worthy Patron at Lovington; Lovington Lodge #228, A.F. & A.M. (Masons) 50 year member; American Legion, Jenkins, KY (Past Commander); Kiwanis Club; Jenkins, KY (Past Pres); Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; Church- Chairman of Trustees, Chairman of Diaconate, Pres of Congregation (2-3yr terms), Chairman of Missionary Action Fund, Choir Director for many years; Retired Teachers.

Survivors include Daughter-Linda L. (Dr. Veryl F. \"Skip\") Frye of Lock Haven, Pa., Grandson-John G. (Michelle) Frye of Adrian, Mich., Granddaughter-Lisa M. (Chad) Herron of Hummelstown, Pa., G-Grandchild-Brandon Frye of Adrian, Mich., G-Grandchild-Evan Frye of Adrian, Mich.

He was preceded in death by Father-John L. Lyon, M.D., Mother-Marinda Lyon, nee Sparks, Wife-Grace E. Lyon, nee Hilsenbeck, Brother-Silva L. Lyon, Brother-Clarence Lyon, Brother-Ernest E. Lyon, Sister-Beatrice Cole.

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“ *Mr. Lyons, was my music teacher and he was the most generous of all the teachers at my school. He encouraged me to ad lib and allowed me to play various horns in concert, jazz, and marching bands. He provided me with insights to my self and gave me confidence in a childhood full of chaos and anger. I can only imagine he did the same for hundreds if not thousands of his students over the years. I wish I could have communicated with him in later years. He was generous, unique, and a wonderful human being.*

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