



## Edward J. Lyons

February 15, 1935 - May 16, 2017

Edward J. Lyons, 82, of North Belle Vernon, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in Jefferson Hospital. A son of the late George A. and Mary Tomayko Lyons, he was born in North Charleroi on February 15, 1935. A lifelong resident of North Belle Vernon, he was actively involved in the community. In 1956, Ed joined the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, where he served on various committees as well as second and first vice presidents and served as a driver. He was also a member of St. Sebastian R.C. Church and joined the Knights of Columbus #3026 where he held the position of Grand Knight from 1960-61 and was the past district deputy, 4th degree Bishop Phelan and was a member of the General Assembly. Starting in 1960, Ed started his term as a North Belle Vernon Councilman and held this position until 1972, when he was elected as Mayor. He held this position until 1980, and was again re-elected as the Mayor from 2006 until his retirement in 2013. Ed also was a member of the American Legion and was the President and CEO of the Private Industry Council. Ed's passion was golfing, and he played on with the Monday Night Golf League at Cedarbrook. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Pearl Harvey Lyons; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward J. and Michelle Lyons of Monessen, George and Patty Lyons of Belle Vernon, and Gregory Lyons of Belle Vernon; one sister, Margie Krall; four grandchildren, Jillian (Ben) Hawk of Connellsville, Kady Jo (Charles) Bowman of Parkersburg, WV, Chelsea (John) Benson of Ravenswood, WV and Alicia Lyons of Pittsburgh; five great grandchildren, River and Wyatt Benson,

Summer, Charley and Rachel Bowman, all of West Virginia; four nephews, Frank Krall, Jason Krall and Jerome Lyons, all of Perryopolis, Robert Callahan of Pittsburgh; a niece, Suzan Koosar of Chicago and two faithful companions, Sammy and Sasha. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerome and Anthony Lyons; a sister, Rosemary Callahan and a nephew, Sean Callahan. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Friday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300 [www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com) A blessing service will be in the funeral home at 9:30 A.M. Saturday followed by a 10 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Sebastian R. C. Church with Msgr. Roger A. Statnick as celebrant. Entombment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. A service will be held in the funeral home at 6:45 P.M. Friday by the members of the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Visitation

MAY 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## **Blessing Service**

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**MAY 20.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
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Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
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## **Funeral Mass**

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**MAY 20.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church  
801 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Pearl and Family,*

*Cathie and I were very saddened to hear of Ed's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and the boys. God bless him and your Family*

*Jimbo and Cathie Cramer*

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**Jimbo and Cathie Cramer** - June 06, 2017 at 11:46 PM

JN

“ *Ed & Michelle,*

*Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. May he rest in peace.*

*John & Linda Novicki*

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**John & Linda Novicki** - May 22, 2017 at 02:23 PM

PK

“ *George, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Patty Kozon*

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**Patty Kozon** - May 19, 2017 at 07:56 PM

ML

“ *Sincere sympathy on Ed's passing. He was always a gentleman.*

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**Margie and Joe Lopez** - May 19, 2017 at 07:01 PM

RC

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Ed's passing. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to all the family. Sincerely.....Ray and Jeff Ciferno

Ray Ciferno - May 19, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward J. Lyons.



May 19, 2017 at 08:50 AM

DG

“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Debbie Gillock

Debbie Gillock - May 19, 2017 at 05:37 AM

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“ Trisha & Jim Shipley (MVCC) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward J. Lyons.



Trisha & Jim Shipley (MVCC) - May 19, 2017 at 01:36 AM

CB

“ To the Lyons Family,  
You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Cheryl Barnes

Cheryl Barnes - May 18, 2017 at 07:54 PM

EM

“ *Ed Murray, Tom McIntyre and Ren Major purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward J. Lyons.*



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**Ed Murray, Tom McIntyre and Ren Major** - May 18, 2017 at 07:02 PM

RM

“ *I met Ed through the Private Industry Council. We immediately became friends. As the years past , our careers changed , but we still remained friends. Fourteen years ago, my daughter was killed in an automobile accident. One of the first people to pay their respects was Ed The fact that he would travel over six hours to a viewing is something that you don't forget. That meant me so much to me and my family. Regrettably, I am unable to repay the favor. We kept in contact over the years and recently Ed Murray, Tom McIntyre and I would drive to Belle Vernon in the fall just to enjoy a few rounds of golf and a few beers with Ed. Each year, a good time was had by all.*

*Ed Lyons was a friend and a gentleman . I will miss you my friend. Rest in peace.*

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**Ren Major** - May 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM

YT

“ Dear Pearl and sons, It is impossible for me to find the appropriate words to describe to you my sadness with Ed's passing, and to convey, to you, my sincerest Sympathy. I saw Ed, as well as other family members, as the Patriarch of the Family, as perennial as anything good that we want to keep in our lives. A secure man with a wry sense of humor who was approachable, compassionate, understanding but keenly aware of who he is. He is, and always will be, someone I am happy to call cousin. I will miss his annual Christmas phone call which he always prefixed with 'Yvonne, this is your cousin Ed'...as I will miss our exchange birthday greetings. Heaven now has a bright new angel. I wish for you, and your family, memories rich with love and laughter, of a life well-lived. My prayers and sympathy to all. Love, Yvonne Tomayko

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**Yvonne Tomayko** - May 18, 2017 at 05:07 PM

RO

“ My deepest condolences to your friends and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. -Registrar's Office, Carlow University

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**Registrar's Office** - May 18, 2017 at 02:22 PM

BF

“ Brian & Mary Howard & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward J. Lyons.



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**Brian & Mary Howard & family** - May 18, 2017 at 12:38 PM

MJ

“ I met Ed thru the Fire Dept. We didn't know each other real well but had times o f good discussions on a number of Fire Dept. topics and Boro topics. He did good for the community of North Belle Vernon and he helped getting things done for the Fire Dept. in his knowledge of Political people. He helped finance the Fire Dept. in all our fund raising events. He will be missed. I considered him a friend . God take him into your Heaven. Mike Wassilchalk, Jr.

Mike Wassilchalk, Jr - May 18, 2017 at 07:38 AM

EH

“ Ed and Lesa Hazelbaker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward J. Lyons.



Ed and Lesa Hazelbaker - May 18, 2017 at 06:16 AM

MS

“ George and Patty and Greg, Ed was a wonderful man and he was a friend to my dad. May angels wrap their arms around you and your family to give you comfort, peace and strength.

Mary Frances Basile Stefanick - May 17, 2017 at 06:53 PM