

## James Francis Lyons

March 24, 1926 - August 29, 2024

James Francis Lyons, age 98, died August 29, 2024 at home with his family.

He was a resident of the Villages, FL. He was born in Pringle, PA during the Great Depression.

He was a WWII veteran, he served on D Day June 6th, 1944. He enlisted in the Naval Amphibious forces at the age of 17 with his father's permission. On his 18th birthday he was sent to France to join the war. He was a Coxswain during the D Day Invasion; he hauled troops to Utah Beach and Omaha Beach. He remained in Cherbourg after it was liberated hauling supplies by truck for the war effort. He later joined the US Army Air Core, which later became the Air Force, he was discharged in 1949. The training received in the military was invaluable.

Next, he embarked on nearly 40-year career as a Quality Assurance Inspector at Pratt & Whitney Air Craft. After retirement from Pratt & Whitney, James and Fern retired to the Villages where he enjoyed golf and his membership at American Legion Post 347. He loved dancing and met many friends there over the years.

He is predeceased by his parents James & Agnes (Kosisher), Lyons. also his wife Fern (Pelletier) Lyons, a son, Larry Lyons, daughter, Nancy

Nichols, two sisters Rita McCarthy & Arline Kennison.

He is survived by his daughters Loretta Lyons, Linda Poole and her husband John Poole, Joyce Schrey and her husband Tom Schrey.

Grandchildren Heather Jean Curran, Andrew Morin, Morgan & Chad Embury and Marissa Sioch and 2 great grandsons Sawyer & Cole Embury.

Also, sister Agnes McCarthy, a very special niece Donna Hackett and many other nieces and nephews, extended family and special friends.

A visitation will be held Thursday, 9/5/2024 from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake. Mass will be held Friday, 9/6/2024 at St. Timothy Catholic Church at 8:30am. James will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery with full military honors from American Legion Post #347 to be with his wife, Fern, on Monday 9/9/2024 at 10:00am.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **5.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Funeral Mass

SEP **6.** 8:30 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1351 Paige Pl  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-0989

## Inurnment

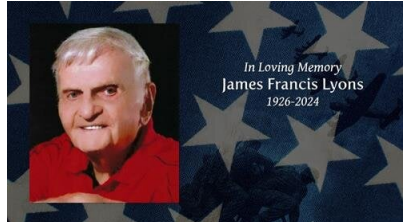
SEP **9.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery  
6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Francis Lyons*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - September 04, 2024 at 04:29 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure & honor of meeting Jim several times while visiting my mom in The Villages. We shared many dinners at Perkins, Oakwood & the Lighthouse and I enjoyed watching him dance at the Legion. He was a kind & caring man full of captivating stories from his proud time in Normandy during the great war. He was a great friend to my mom for many years and I'll always be grateful for that. My God rest his soul and bring him eternal peace.*

*Condolences and prayers for Jim's family during this difficult time.*

*Mike Brown  
Southport, NC*

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**Mike Brown** - August 31, 2024 at 08:17 PM

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*Dan and I met Jimmy at the legion years ago. He was a true patriot. He will be missed by many. Rest in Peace my friend.*

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**Deb Boone** - September 01, 2024 at 09:03 AM



*My friend, Rest In Peace. I am a much better person for having had you in my life. Ellen Tierney*

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**Ellen Tierney** - September 01, 2024 at 07:49 PM