



John J. Lyons

July 21, 1926 - August 29, 2015

John J. "Bampy" Lyons, 89, passed away at the Holyoke Soldiers Home on Saturday August 29, 2015. Born on July 21, 1926 he was the son of Michael and Caroline (Applegate) Lyons. A lifelong resident of Chicopee, John proudly served his country during WWII in the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. In April of 1948 he married the love of his life and childhood sweetheart, Virginia N. (Lynch). For over 65 years they enjoyed the wonderful family life with which they were blessed. Many great family times were spent together at Cape Cod. John worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Chicopee. He retired in 1983 after forty years of service. One of John's favorite places was the former Oxford Country Club where he liked to play golf. John will be dearly missed by his family, his son Michael Lyons and wife Sue Ellen of Millbury, MA, his daughters Kathleen "Kate" Maliga and her husband Robert of Chicopee and Colleen Lewis of Granby. John also leaves his son in law Paul Niemiec of Chicopee and his brother Jim Lyons and his wife Kris of NY. John was a proud grandfather of ten: Melissa Lauzon and partner Ken, Rachael Goodrich and husband Ken, Katie Akley and husband Michael, Laura McCarthy and husband Dave, Sara Michelucci and husband Aaron, Kelly Lyons, Ryan Maliga and wife Lori, Shawn Maliga and wife Alexis, Jennifer Lewis and husband Dan and Jeremy Lewis and wife Kelly. He was also loving great grandfather to: Alex, Caroline, Lila, Celia, Grace, Owen, Griffin, Evan, Carsen, Madelyn, Ella, Andrew, Teddy, Penelope, Eva, Oliver, Violet and Callen. John now joins his beloved wife in heaven along with his

daughter Maureen Niemiec, his son in law Robert Lewis, his daughter in law Patty Lyons and two blessed angels, his great grandchildren Ripken and Anna. John was also predeceased by his brother Timothy Lyons and his sister Mary Cusick. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday morning September 2, 2015 at the Kozikowski Funeral Home on 565 Front Street in Chicopee from 10 to 12 noon, with a prayer service at noon. Burial with full military honors will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chicopee. It is the families wish that in lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Holyoke Soldiers Home at 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040. John was part of the Soldiers Home community for the last five years, his family would like to thank all of the dedicated, wonderful care givers, the medical staff and especially Marilyn for all the love and support that was provided to John and the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Fuller Rd.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ We will always remember your Dad's stories of being "OUR" mailman for oh so many years ago. It was always so nice to meet with your Mom and you at the Soldier's home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The Ed Polchlopek Family

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