



## JD Lyman

June 17, 1930 - December 20, 2020

JD Lyman, 90, of Fayetteville; died Sunday, December 20, 2020, at Countryside Assisted Living Memory Center. He was born Tuesday, June 17, 1930, at Loy; to Steve and Ada Walker Lyman.

JD married Amboline Gurley Lyman on Friday, October 5, 1956 at ; and together they were parents to one son, Michael. JD worked three jobs in the early years of his marriage to support his family. He received his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate of Education degrees from the University of Arkansas, and was an educator for 42 years. JD will be remembered as a devout Christian; he was a member of New Sulphur Freewill Baptist Church where he served as deacon. He enjoyed trail riding, going all over the country with his friends, riding his mule. He and Amboline also traveled all over the country with their 5th wheel camper. At 85 years of age, JD obtained his certified nursing assistant license to take care of Amboline. At that time, he was the oldest person to obtain such a license. Before his Alzheimer's diagnosis, JD loved fishing with family and friends, raising cattle, and being on his farm.

JD was preceded in death by wife of 62 years, Amboline; his parents; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Jewell and Charlie Dotson, and Lula and Wesley Reynolds; Chleo and John Faulkner; and Rheau and Dean Watkins; one sister-in-law, Sue Hathorn and husband, Raymond; one brother-in-law, Curtis Grigg; and one nephew, Carl.

He is survived by his son, Michael Lyman, and best friend, Paula Willis, of Fayetteville, one sister, Bertha Easterling of Huntsville; sister-in-law, Donnie Jean Grigg of Kingston; brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Frances Gurley of Flagstaff, Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

JD will lie in state from noon to 5:00 PM, Tuesday, December 22, at Brashears Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at Liberty Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest beside the love of his life, with Bob Dotson officiating. Pallbearers will be Randy Watkins, Jim Watkins, Roger Watkins, Bobby Dotson, Dale Dotson, and Rodney Reynolds. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to consider donations in JD's name to Arkansas Children's Hospital, 2601 Gene George Blvd, Springdale, AR 72762 or [giving@archildrens.org](mailto:giving@archildrens.org). The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of Countryside Memory Center for the excellent care JD received at their

facility. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ JD was a long time family friend, and a role model and mentor to kids in my school at Asbell. I always enjoyed seeing him later on in life, and we talked about his fishing and trail riding when we met up. He was a terrific person, and he will be missed by many.

Travis Boudrey - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mike, I am very sorry for your loss. JD and Ambo were best friends with my parents for so many years, and they had so much fun in their little group. We loved him and enjoyed being with him and Ambo. He was a good man! Prayers for your peace and comfort. Brenda and Greg Maddan



Brenda Maddan - December 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of JD. I met JD through Amboline who I worked with at DHS and also attended school with their son. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to know this special family.

Brenda Elkins - December 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Sorry to see of Mr. Lyman's passing. I think we all had a favorite Mr. Lyman story at Elkins School. What a great teacher and person. Prayers to the family at this time and in the days ahead.

Sandra Easley - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was my principal in grade school and great friend of the family. Such a wonderful person.

J Garrett - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ J D was my first principal when I started teaching. I feel like I learned a lot while he was my principal that I used in the rest of my teaching career. So sorry for your loss. Prayers

Charlinda Reeves and family - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Prayers and comfort for the family. He was a great educator, and friend to my Dad, James K Carter, they worked well together.  
I will be giving a donation to the Elkins Alumini Scholarship Fund in Mr Lyman's memory.



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**Sue Carter** - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Charles and Betty Jo Gurley** - December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM