



Samuel R. Lloyd

September 19, 1923 - May 15, 2018

Samuel R. Lloyd, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Linden Square Assisted Living Facility in Saline, Michigan. Sam was born on September 19, 1923 in Carmi, IL, the son of Starr Hanford and Hetty Adelia Kenyon (Burke) Lloyd. He attended public schools in Oconto, Wisconsin and graduated from high school in Rensselaer, Indiana. He then entered Purdue University at the age of 15. Sam served in the U.S. Army as part of the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations of World War II from 1943 to 1946, including 6 months living in a fox hole on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima, which was the most heavily fortified area in the history of warfare. He landed there in the first two weeks of the battle for Iwo Jima. His rank was Staff Sergeant. His father, Starr Hanford Lloyd, had also been an army chaplain in World War I. Sam graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1947. In January of 1951 he married Billie Kathryn Davis of Erwin, Tennessee. Sam was employed by the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors from 1947 until 1953. He instructed railroad firemen and engineers in the operation of diesel-electric locomotives to replace steam engines. From 1953 to 1983 he was employed by the Allison Division of General Motors in Indianapolis, Indiana where he wrote instructions for updating gas turbine engines at the time of overhaul. He also served as an Associate Advisor, Assistant Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and District Chairman in the Boy Scouts of America in Indianapolis. As a resident of Speedway, Indiana and also being a great photographer, Sam worked during the month of May each year for NBC

taking video movies of the Indy 500. Sam was also a devoted hiker with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. During his years as a member of Chapel Rock Christian Church, he organized church bus routes and drivers to support services and special events. He became a resident of Johnson City in 1989 where he was a member of the First Christian Church and the Mr. and Mrs. Sunday School Class. Sam founded the Johnson City Hiking Club, a group of nature-loving people that hiked many trails in the Appalachian mountains. He was preceded in death by his wife Billie in November of 2008. Survivors include his four children Linda (Robert) Stache of Scottsdale, AZ, David (Terry) Lloyd of Saline, MI, Daniel (Lynn) Lloyd of Madison, Alabama, and Nancy Lloyd of Sonoma, CA. Other survivors include his grandchildren Michael Lloyd of Boston, MA, Emily Davey of Dexter, MI, Dana Lloyd of Madison, Alabama, great-grandchildren Reid and Grant Davey of Dexter, MI, and Elizabeth and Everly Lloyd of Boston, MA. Burial will take place in the Washington County Memory Gardens Cemetery in Johnson City, Tennessee at a later date. To leave a memory you have of Sam, to sign his guestbook, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Tribute Wall



“ Samuel R. Lloyd

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He used to be a faithful member of the Silver Sneakers class I teach on Friday mornings. He was so sweet to me. He kept a notebook with him that he wrote down everything he needed to remember. He had written in it the kind of weights and band that I would use in class so he could have my chair and equipment set up for me when I got there. Everyone was so impressed by his ability to do squats!! I have never seen anyone in Silver Sneakers squat at low as Sam! My absolute favorite memory of Sam was when I made him some meatloaf after his wife had passed away. Shortly after she had passed he told me that he had never had to cook on his own and he missed some good home cooking. I decided to make some meatloaf muffins I had found a recipe for. He told me in the nicest way he could that the meatloaf muffins were not good! :) And in fact they were not! When he moved into Appalachian Christian Village I went to visit him and he was so impressed with his room and loved showing me around the facility. He was VERY excited about the food there! Sam was so loved by our entire Silver Sneakers class in Johnson City.

Dessi Foster - June 03, 2018 at 04:55 PM



Theresa
Duquette

“ I just wanted to say that Sam was one of the sweetest most respectful gentlemen that I have ever known. I taught exercise at Lifestyles in Johnson City Tn and everyone thought the world of him. He had a heart of gold. I also had the privilege to teach exercise with him again at Appalachian Christian Village before he moved to Michigan. He always brought a smile to those around him. One more thing....he was a selfless person. May our Lord bring Peace, comfort and strength to all the family and friends. Heaven really did gain a beautiful soul! In Christ, Theresa Prince Duquette

Theresa Duquette - May 31, 2018 at 06:52 PM

AL

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Sam. While he lived at Linden Square, he brought so much joy and laughter to my life as well as many others. He would attend any social event at any time of the day and when he was not there, activities would be incomplete without him. He also had such a wonderful voice and could always count on him to sing us some songs. He will be missed greatly. Thoughts and prayers for all.

-Alyssa

Alyssa - May 29, 2018 at 07:43 PM

BD

“ Sam was a fellow in-law in the Davis family. He was a soft-spoken gentleman and an extremely gifted photographer. I have many treasured photos of family reunions, flowers, etc. Being a strong believer, we know where he is today with his soulmate, Billie. Sam was an example of a life well lived and will be sorely missed. My sincere sympathy to David, Dan, Linda and Nancy and their families.

Betty J. Davis - May 29 at 3:45 PM

Betty J. Davis - May 29, 2018 at 03:51 PM

TT

“ Sam and Billie Lloyd were neighbors of mine at Hermitage Manor Condominiums in Johnson City and they were BOTH just lovely people. I remember looking at many of his photographs... he was a very talented photographer! His sister-in-law, Betty Davis, is my best friend. He was sorely missed when he sold his condo to reside at Appalachian Christian Village in Johnson City, and now will forever be missed. Such a lovely man!

Toni Kay Thompson - May 27, 2018 at 11:53 AM

HG

“ We met Sam in the Fall of 1998 when we went on a hike with his Johnson City Hiking Club. He was a sweet, soft spoken man who took us under his "Hiking Wings" and we enjoyed several years of hiking with Sam. On rides to and from hikes there was lots of time for many stories. My favorite story was the one where after retiring to Johnson City he started looking for a Hiking Club. After being told there was no Johnson City Hiking Club he formed one. I am sure that if there is not a hiking club in Heaven, Sam will start one. His family should know that those of us who hiked with him thought the world of Sam Lloyd. His Hiking club still hikes every Saturday and I think that would please Sam. Happy Trails Sam.

Howard and Faye Guinn - May 21, 2018 at 06:51 PM

SP

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Sam's death. I hiked with him many times with the Johnson City Hikers and always enjoyed his stories and his extensive albums of his hiking experiences. We spoke of him often even after he stopped hiking. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and I know you will all miss him dearly. What an amazing life and I was unaware of his WWII experience and surviving the Hell that was Iwo Jima. I hope the love and memories of his many friends will help to comfort you in your loss.

Susan Peters - May 21, 2018 at 07:48 AM

JF

“ Sam and Billy were our dear neighbors until her death and his move. We loved them very much and often think of them. Sam and I shared a love for the outdoors and hiking and those in our hiking club (that he founded) often mention him fondly. Happy trails Sam you made a difference 😊

Jim Foster - May 20, 2018 at 01:07 PM