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Richard “Dick” Fox Lynam Teacher, Coach, Beach Concessionaire

Richard “Dick” Fox Lynam, age 90 of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Palm Beach, FL, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at home, surrounded by family after a short illness. He was born on March 28, 1927 in Newport, DE, son of the late Hyland B. and Margaret (Fox) Lynam and was the youngest of six children: Mrs. Walter Tindall (Bobby), Mrs. Fredrick Benoit (Eleanor), Mr. Hyland “Bill” Lynam, Jr. (Marian), Mrs. Robert McCurry (Jane), and Mr. Thornton G. Lynam. Dick was preceded in death by all of his siblings with the exception of his sister, Jane.

Dick and his family went to Rehoboth in the Depression years where his parents ran a guesthouse on the boardwalk at Baltimore Avenue. From the front of the house, Dick started renting beach umbrellas when he was a young boy. When he was drafted (WWII) into the Army, his father watched over the business. Soon, Dick returned and even while going to Michigan State University to become a teacher, he would spend every summer in Rehoboth Beach running his beach service.

Dick wrestled for the YMCA in Wilmington and at Michigan State University, so when he took his first teaching position at Colwyck Junior High School in the New Castle District, he started a wrestling team. After leaving Colwyck, he went downstate and started the first wrestling program at Delmar High School. From there, he coached at Milford, Millsboro, and lastly, Cape Henlopen High School. He was proud of his many young wrestlers, especially when they brought home State Honors. Dick was an avid runner and coached cross-country at Rehoboth Junior High School. He taught math at high school and junior high school levels and has many students from around the state who have told him how much influence he had on their lives. This is also true of the many “beachboys” and “beachgirls” who have worked for him over the last 75 years. Dick taught shop for several years and was a skilled woodworker, handyman, and even built some of the beach chairs rented from his many blue and white shacks along the shores of Rehoboth and Dewey.



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Dick was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church as well as the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, where he enjoyed playing golf and bridge. Dick had a great sense of humor and reveled in making others laugh and feel welcome in his company. Above all, he was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was loved by many and will be genuinely missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Anne Toppin Lynam; his children: Richard F. Lynam, Jr., William T. Lynam, Robert B. Lynam, John David Lynam, and Christine Lynam Opiela; his grandchildren: Judah B. Lynam, Erin R. Lynam, Victoria A. Lynam, John F. Lynam, Ava K. Lynam, Kiley Reagan, Payton Opiela, Kirrin A. Opiela, and J. Colin Opiela; his great-grandsons: Lucas Lynam and Luke Lynam; his sister, Jane McCurry; his sister-in-law, Kitty Cole; and his many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road; Rehoboth Beach, DE, followed by interment at Epworth Methodist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Dick's memory to Epworth United Methodist Church: 19285 Holland Glade Road; Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or Trustbridge Hospice of Florida: 300 Northpoint Parkway, #301; West Palm Beach, FL 33407, or Delaware Hospice: 100 Patriots Way; Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




Events

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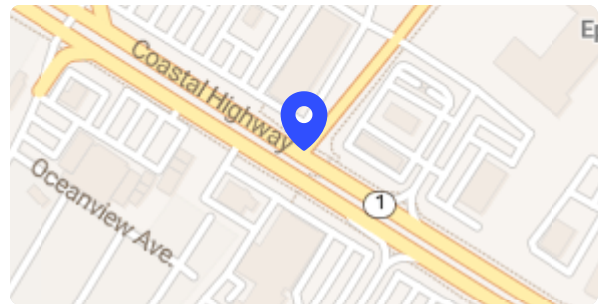
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Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, March 24, 2018

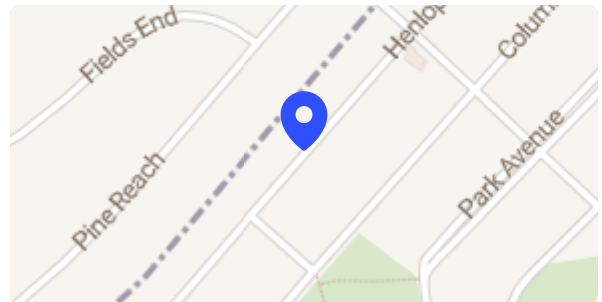
 10:00 AM ET

 **Epworth United Methodist Church**
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



Cemetery Details

 **Epworth Methodist Cemetery**
159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE
19971





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RT

Randal Travis posted:

Mr. Lynam was a great person who will be missed. He was my wrestling coach at Rehoboth and Cape where I learned so much. Worked as a beach boy during the summer for years. I asked him to be my sponsor so I could join the Navy which he did with honor. RIP, Randy Travis

April 4 at 9:54 AM

SD

Samie Dozor posted:

I will so miss Mr. Lynam on the beach...he was always right on about approaching storms. Also, I will miss his sense of humor. R.I.P.'

March 24 at 5:42 AM

TF

The Wiedmann Families sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Lynam family.



March 23 at 10:28 AM

JK

Jim Killion posted:

I am so sorry to hear this news. Mr. Lynam was the kindest, warmest, classiest guy around. I enjoyed many years of seeing him and taking care of his family. Condolences to Mrs. Lynam. Jim Killion

March 21 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lynam family.



March 21 at 5:56 AM



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Fran Duszak posted:

My condolences to Anne and the rest of the Lynam family. Mr. Lynam was my shop teacher and wrestling coach at Colywyck Jr. High School in 1953-'54, and I was one of his beach boys from 1954-'58. I remember our runs (or, rather, races) along the Rehoboth and Dewey Beach shoreline. Many times over the years since, my mind wanders back to those days with my mentor, coach and friend. God bless my friend. Fran Duszak Landenberg, PA

March 20 at 5:57 AM



Ruth, Jeff, And Jeffrey Irwin sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lynam family.

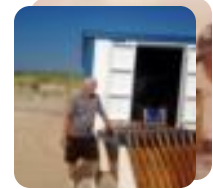


March 19 at 10:33 AM



Tony Crivella shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

RIP, Dick Lynam will miss you and your Jeep in the beach in the early mornings. A quiet man with a heart of gold.



March 16 at 3:17 AM



William Tyson posted:

Rest in peace, Mr. Lynam. My first boss as a beach boy for almost 10 years of my life. My heart goes out to the family. He was such a kind, mellow, dry witted, intelligent guy. A truly wonderful person.

March 13 at 5:47 PM



Kristen And Dennis Weber posted:

Our prayers go out to the family of this very special man. He played a big role in our lives for more than twenty years and he will be missed terribly. We thank him for the countless wonderful memories he has given us. Summers will never be the same.

March 13 at 6:59 AM



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JP

Janet Pedulla posted:

Dick was a wonderful, friendly and gracious man. We looked forward to seeing him in his jeep each morning on the beach, always waving and saying "Good Morning". We will miss seeing him!! You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.The Pedulla Family Southborough, MA

March 12 at 4:13 PM

KM

Kathy McGuinness posted:

Our Kramedas girls loved growing up with the Lynam family as neighbors! From skateboarding down "lynams hill", costume events and traveling together, Mr Lynam was an energetic, wonderful man!

March 11 at 12:29 PM

EW

Ed Wilson posted:

There have been only a handful of people who have left a lasting impression in my life and Mr. Lynam is one of those. His humbleness, generosity, kindness, quick wit, sarcasm and uncanny sense of humor will be missed. Seeing the green jeep coming towards my beach shack in the morning as Mr. Lynam was delivering the money bags was always a thrill. Never knew what humorous comment was going to be said but a smile was always on his face. And those mid-day visits where he just showed up to talk are unforgettable. Every conversation started with how was my son doing. The rest of those days were always better after the conversations we had. The first time Mr. Lynam, Anne and I had dinner in town, I was touched to see him holding her hand, even after 60 years of being married. It was clearly obvious how much he loved her. Next time I have a root beer snowball, my thoughts will take me back to the talks Mr. Lynam and I had when he showed up holding one for each of us. He made me a better person.

March 10 at 3:56 AM

LC

Lisa Cole posted:

My heartfelt condolences to all of the Lyman family. Dick was truly a kind, sweet person.

March 9 at 2:53 PM



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"Woody" Marderwald posted:

It was a pleasure working with and around you and your crews for three decades. Sincerely, Mark "Woody" Marderwald

March 9 at 12:30 PM



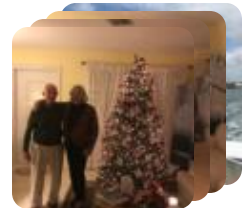
Ruthie, Jeff, And Jeffrey Irwin sent a Condolence Snacks to the Lynam family.



March 9 at 11:43 AM



Ruth G Irwin shared 4 photos to the **New Album Name** album.



March 7 at 3:17 PM



Jo Anne Whealton sent a Love's Journey to the Lynam family.



March 9 at 8:24 AM



Jo Anne Whealton lit a candle in honor of Richard.



March 9 at 7:51 AM



Shannon Labarta posted:

We offer our sincere condolences to the entire Lynam Family. Mr. Lynam was so sweet to our daughter Ashton, hiring her for her first job last summer. She always said how nice Mr. Lynam was to her. She hopes to continue to work for your family. We are sending many many prayers. Brian, Shannon, and Ashton Labarta

March 9 at 7:01 AM



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Jo Anne Downes Whealton posted:

ANNE AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE THE FIRST GRADE! WE ALWAYS MANAGE TO SEE EACH OTHER IN THE SUMMERS WHEN THEY COME BACK TO REHOBOTH AND WOULD OFTEN TAKE ME OUT TO DINNER. DICK WAS ALWAYS SO NICE AND KIND TO ME AND ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL AT HOME WITH THEM. HE WAS ONE LOVING AND KIND MAN! I SHALL MISS HIM TERRIBLY. GOD BLESS ANNE AND HER FAMILY AND COMFORT THEM IN THEIR LOSS! LOVE, JO ANNE DOWNES WHEALTON

March 9 at 6:27 AM



Bill Seitz posted:

Our sincere condolences to all of the Lynam family. Your Husband/Dad was a wonderful man and we were always overwhelmed by his energy and kindness towards us. He had a great joy for life and was a stalwart in the Rehoboh Beach community. He will be sorely missed. Buzz Buse & Bill Seitz

March 9 at 5:53 AM



Jack Tyson posted:

What a GREAT MAN. I was a beach boy many years ago(of course LYNAM not catts!!). One rainy day he came by in his Jeep (loved it!!) picked up the money bag all while singing "Singing in the rain". Beautiful!!Jack tyson

March 9 at 3:08 AM



Joe & Sue Hudson lit a candle in honor of Richard.



March 9 at 2:44 AM



Joe And Sue Hudson March 9 at 2:49 AM

Mrs. Lynam and family,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. One thing for sure you will always have the memories and he will continue to live in your heart.Joe and Sue Hudson (Jennifer (daughter) and Josh Manners)



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JB

Jonathan E Baker posted:

Our deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the entire Lynam family. Donna and I are in Congo with our missionary work but wanted to send our love to all of you. It was our blessing to know Dick and the Lynam family since I came to Rehoboth Beach as pastor at Epworth UM Church in 1982. We shared many wonderful times together over the years and faced many challenges as well trusting in God's presence along the way. Our prayer is the God's comfort and strength will be the rock for you in this time of your grief as we claim the promises of our faith for Dick - husband, father, and friend. God's peace and blessings be with you.

March 8 at 9:20 PM

HB

Heather Billings posted:

Anne, Bill and the rest of the Lynam Family. Thoughts and prayers for you during this most difficult time. Our faith lets us know we will see him again. May he rest in Peace.

March 8 at 1:31 PM

TW

Terry Warrington posted:

To the entire Lynam family, I am so saddened for your loss. Mr Lynam was a fixture and a pillar of our community, those of us who grew up here knew who the Lynam family was and appreciated the contributions to the community. I wish you all strength in the days and weeks ahead and peace in your hearts. Share those beautiful memories whenever you can, you will learn so many things that you may not already know and hear how many people loved and cared for Mr. Lynam and your families. Thinking of you all Terry (Brandner) Warrington

March 8 at 12:39 PM



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John W. Dean II posted:

I am sorry to hear of Mr. Lynam's passing. He was one of my Junior high math teachers and I worked on the beach for him one summer. He was a great guy to work for! He will truly be missed. the beach in Rehoboth will not be the same without him! John W. Dean II Milton, Delaware

March 7 at 3:17 PM



Chad Jenkins March 11 at 7:01 PM

Thanks for making our beach a better place Dick...Goodspeed..



Roy Anderson March 8 at 12:47 PM

I am so very sorry to hear of Dicks passing. My. Deepest sympathy to his family and many friends. I was Dick and Ann's next door neighbor for 25 years. He will be missed by all who knew him. Roy Anderson REHOBOTH Beach



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March 2017 Irwin Boat Ride in FI



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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