



Edwin Lee Wyrick

October 29, 1920 - October 19, 2018

EDWIN LEE WYRICK

Edwin Lee “Ed” Wyrick of Sharpsburg passed away October 19, 2018, just ten days short of his 98th birthday.

Ed was born in Blackburn, Missouri on October 29, 1920. While growing up during the Great Depression he became an excellent athlete playing football for Joplin Junior College and basketball for a semi-pro team. When he was five and living with his grandparents for a short time, a barnstorming flyer in a biplane landed on their farm. From that point on, Ed wanted to be a flyer. Taking advantage of the government's Civilian Pilot Training Program in the late 1930's, he learned to fly and became a civilian instructor in Stamford, Texas for the United States Army Air Corps. In 1943, he flew to Joplin, Missouri to be the best man for his brother's wedding and became enthralled with the maid of honor. After four dates, he proposed marriage to Lois Thurman Wyrick and she accepted. Their marriage lasted 68 years until her death at age 88 in 2012. In 1944, as the end of the war neared, the army began drawing down its training program and Ed joined Eastern Airlines. He began his airline career flying DC-3s and retired in 1980 as Captain on the Lockheed L-1011 jumbo jet. During his airline career, he was based in New York, New Orleans, Miami, and Atlanta. The family moved to Newnan, Georgia in 1966. In addition to flying, Ed was an avid cattle farmer, and Ed

and Lois moved to the farm in Sharpsburg in the mid-1980s. He was also active in his church and community. For example, Ed and Lois were founding members of the Jefferson Christian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana and the Cornerstone United Methodist Church near Sharpsburg. Hundreds of Coweta County men have fond memories of his leadership in the Boy Scouts of America.

Ed is survived by his children Beth Respess (Mike), Cathy Miller (John), Eddie Wyrick (Pat James), and Charles Wyrick (Lee Ann). He was preceded in death by his grandson Jonathan (Mike and Beth). Surviving grandchildren are Laura Farmer and Sarah Kovacik, Missy and Eric Polly, Heather, Kalli, and Mariah James-Wyrick; Julianne Gottlieb, Caroline Wyrick, and Rad Wyrick. He is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren as well as his sister, Beverly Jones, of Webb City, Missouri. His extended family also included his dear friends that he loved as family, David and JoAn Kinrade and their daughters, Emily Carnes and Rachel Kinrade.

A celebration of his life will be held Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:30 PM at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 2956 Sharpsburg McCollum Road, Newnan, Georgia with Dr. Scott Pickering officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ed's name to the Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 2596 Sharpsburg McCollum Road, Sharpsburg, GA 30265.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 38 Jackson Street Newnan, GA 30263
770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Service

OCT **25**. 4:30 PM (ET)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church
2956 Sharpsburg McCollum Road
Newnan, GA 30265
(770) 304-9397
<http://www.cornerstoneumc.com>

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ So sorry to hear of Ed’s passing! Will always remember all the fun times our parents had together and I loved seeing him when I happened to be in town for a Friday ‘Mild Bunch’ lunch. Thinking of you all!

Carla Williams Fowler - October 25, 2018 at 09:54 PM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers! God bless! Love, Delilah Miller Meadows

Delilah Meadows - October 25, 2018 at 05:55 PM

BC

“ I love the picture of Granddad Corley holding Ed and me under his arm when we were babies. I remember we used to go to Osawamatie for Christmas. I remember one time Ed and I went to see Tale of two cities.

Bob Corley - October 24, 2018 at 05:49 PM

BR

“ Brightree purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edwin Lee Wyrick.



Brightree - October 24, 2018 at 09:27 AM

SS

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family of Ed Wyrick. He was a strong, giving man and a great friend to my family during my childhood. We were blessed to know them and share many hours with them. Ed and Lois made a positive impact on many people around them often by simply being themselves. I smile at the thought of their reunion in eternity. I am sure my mother is rejoicing with them. May God bless you all.*

Sandy Stephens - October 24, 2018 at 06:41 AM

JF

“ *Outside my family, Ed Wyrick was one of the biggest influences of my life. I worked on his hay farm one summer. He cast a tall shadow. A lot of boys owe him a great deal for the time he gave as our scoutmaster at First Methodist Church back then. You would be hard pressed to find a better role model for a young man growing up than Ed Wyrick.*

Jeff Fambro - October 23, 2018 at 06:42 PM

TT

“ *The Brightree Marketing Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Edwin Lee Wyrick.*



The Brightree Marketing Team - October 23, 2018 at 01:45 PM

DS

“ Dear Family of Ed Wyrick,
I am so sorry to hear of Ed's death. When he was at the First Methodist Church in town, your Family and ours were real good friends. Every time we saw each other after that it was a reunion. Mildred passed away on May 7 of this year and I sure do miss her and I know your Mama and Daddy have just had a reunion. May the Good Lord give each of you Peace, Love and Contentment during this very difficult time.
God Loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.

Don J. Jones Sr. - October 23, 2018 at 08:06 AM

GW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Ed's passing. He will surely be missed. Memories of him and his wonderful life should comfort you all.



Getaldine Bobby Welch - October 23, 2018 at 06:20 AM

MT

Ed is my first cousin, our Mothers were sisters. Even though he and Lois were much older than I, they always made me a part of the family. I didn't live close, but always kept in touch. I loved to fly with him on his trips from Los Angeles to Atlanta. I loved to hear his stories about trips he made. I send my condolences to all Ed's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and to Beverly. With much love, Mary Cooper Thomas-Bowe.

Mary ThomasBowe- - October 23, 2018 at 09:57 PM