



Fred Jay Lyon

October 3, 1938 - February 8, 2024

Fred Jay Lyon, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the age of 85. The son of Arthur and Florence Lyon, he was born on October 3, 1938 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Fred graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1956 and served for five years in the U.S. Air Force. In the 1960s, he attended Wayne State University and eventually chose to pursue the new field of computer science, continuing his education at training centers throughout the country. Fred made his career as a systems analyst at Wayne Oakland Bank, National Bank of Detroit, and Chase Bank until his retirement in 2001.

A passionate musician, Fred played the trombone with the South Oakland Concert Band as well as many smaller bands and jazz ensembles. He entertained himself with biographies, history books, and cryptograms. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing tennis and golf. Fred possessed a very English sense of humor and especially appreciated the comedy of Monty Python's Flying Circus and Laurel and Hardy. Fred and his wife, Laretta, traveled twice to Europe as part of Frederic DeHaven's Christ Church Chorale, visiting the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, the Czech Republic, and Poland. Fred will be remembered for his independence, selflessness, and dedication to his family.

Beloved husband of Laretta, joined in love for 55 years. Loving father of

Jennifer Lyon and Betsy (Gary) Brittan. Cherished grandfather of Sarah and Amanda Brittan. Dear brother of the late Joanne Lombardi. Supportive human of feline Cleocatra.

A memorial service for Fred will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 10:30AM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 540 W. Lewiston, Ferndale, 48220. This will be followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall behind the church.

Donations in Fred's memory may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
540 W. Lewiston Avenue
Ferndale, MI 48220