



Carl Dorman Lyon

April 20, 1938 - February 18, 2021

Carl Dorman Lyon, 82, of Laurel, passed away on February 18, 2021, surrounded by his family at South Central Regional Medical Center following complications due to COVID-19.

A lifelong resident of Laurel, Mississippi, Mr. Lyon was a vocational instructor at R. H. Watkins High School from 1962 to 1970. While teaching, his love for photography led to working with the school paper "Whirl" and yearbook "Tornado." After working in education, he became the service manager for Carl Volkswagen in Laurel while pursuing his dream of opening a photography studio. In 1971, his dream became a reality, and Lyon Photo opened its doors and grew into one of the largest photo labs between Jackson and the Mississippi coast for developing film and printing.

In May of 2014, he retired Lyon Photo and stepped away from the camera that captured so many special moments in our lives for 43 years. In recent days, we have been lovingly reminded that "Homes are filled with wonderful photographic memories captured by him....We view our children through his lens.... He took our wedding pictures....I always remember him taking our pictures for everything at school.... I wish you could have seen his face when I asked for pictures with a 6 month old and 2 Pekingese dogs!...Having photos taken by him was such a treat. You felt excited just walking in the door....Thanks to your dad, I have some precious pictures I will forever

treasure....He made many people happy with his photography and always had a kind greeting and a smile on his face.”

It was his pleasure to work with many other photographers throughout his years in business and to share his expertise. Colleagues and photography friends have kindly shared with us: “I owe so much to Dorman....He has helped me in so many ways over the years....He had the biggest smile talking photography with me. He taught me so much about the technical side but more so in how he treated everyone.”

Whether shooting weddings, senior portraits, cheer pictures, and many other memories, we will remember his signature “Right here! Okay, now...that beautiful smile on 3. Now 1, 2, and...3!”

Dorman Lyon was the definition of a Christian gentleman. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Shady Grove where he served as youth Sunday School teacher.

He will be remembered as “a gentle, precious man....Kind and humble... Loved by so many....The best uncle ever!...One of the finest men I have ever known....Fine man and outstanding professional....Sweet and kind aren’t strong enough words to describe him....I always had the greatest respect for your dad....I thought the world of your daddy. He was a dear man.”

Capturing the memories of our lives was Dorman’s legacy. Our family is humbled and grateful to everyone for sharing your memories. Your kind expressions of sympathy and outpouring of love mean so much to us. We wish to express our thanks for all the kind words and tributes to our husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Lyon is preceded in death by his parents Carl William and Esther Powell

Lyon, sister and brother-in-law Dolores Lyon Reeves and Felton Reeves, and a brother Donnis Lyon. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Doris Lowe Lyon, daughter Sheila (Maurice) Hennis, and the pride and joy of his life, his grandson Mason Hennis.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Shady Grove Cemetery at 2 p.m. with a short visitation beginning at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Jason Goodwin will officiate.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carl Dorman Lyon.*



March 07, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Shelia, I will never forget the day your dad took Senior pictures of you and Karen. He was an awesome man and an outstanding photographer. My deepest condolences to you and your family. He is with the Lord and at peace! 🙏*

Ginny Phillips - February 22, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one. He has taken many photos for us and was always so pleasant to be around. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family in the days ahead.*

*David, Angela & April Rudolph
Alison, Evan & Tyson Windham*

Angela Rudolph - February 21, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember going to the studio with my cousin Debra Zumwalt whom worked for him for many years. She so respected him n loved her job. May peace be with you and know he's watching from above.*

Connie Black Noah - February 21, 2021 at 10:38 AM

WH

“ He was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. Our prayers are with his family. And yes, he took our wedding pictures too.
Harry and Wanda (Bustin) Hall

Wanda Hall - February 20, 2021 at 01:26 AM

GK

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Lyon. I knew him as a college student who asked him about photography. He was so kind. I also worked with his wife as a teacher at Shady Grove Elementary. I pray for peace for all the family.
Gay Beth Houston Kelley

Gay Kelley - February 19, 2021 at 10:17 PM

JC

“ Mr.Lyon took all of my daughters cheerleading (elementary thru to high school) and pageant photos. He was always so patient and kind.

Jayne Cooper - February 19, 2021 at 09:59 PM

TW

“ Dorman was one of the nicest people who have ever lived. It was always a pleasure to see him and visit. Heaven gained one of the good guys. Prayers for the family.

Thomas Walker - February 19, 2021 at 09:30 PM

MM

“ Sheila, I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Lyon made my graduation pictures from high school, engagement photos, and wedding pictures. He was such a good and kind person. Your memories will keep you comforted. God bless you and your family.

Megan McMullan - February 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM

GR

“ *He was the best of the best at everything he did. It's really that simple. God bless his family.*

Geri Richie - February 19, 2021 at 07:05 PM

JP

“ *What a beautifully written obituary for your dad that portrayed him as he truly was. I know you will miss him terribly. May happy memories replace the sadness in your heart.*

Johnnie & Cindi Pippen - February 19, 2021 at 05:05 PM

RS

“ *We are so very sorry to learn of this loss. Mr. Lyon was such a sweet, kind, fine Christian man. He took our wedding photos and pictures of my granddaughter. He will never be forgotten. Prayers for his family.*

Rebecca Spencer - February 19, 2021 at 03:56 PM