



William "Tiger" Craven Lyons

November 17, 1929 - February 9, 2014

William Craven "Tiger" Lyons, 84, of Laurel, passed away Sunday, February 9th, at South Central Regional Medical Center. Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Ms. will provide the arrangements. Viewing will be Wednesday, February 12th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, February 13th At Memory Chapel, with burial at Sharon Cemetery in Jones County. Brother Paul Holliman will officiate.

Tiger is a Laurel native, son of Cuvier William Lyons and Earline Talbert Lyons, both of Laurel. He served his country proudly for 28 years, and retired from the US Air Force, as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-9). Tiger was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jewel Dean Short Lyons (2005). He is survived by two of his nine siblings, brothers David Lyons, and George Lyons, and is the loving father of five children, Mary Katherine "Kay" Lyons, Deborah Ann Baker, Carmen Louise Welborn, Margie Gail Rayner Hamilton, William C. "Buddy" Lyons Jr. and William Thomasallen Lyons. Tiger is also known as the "Best Papa EVER", to 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Margie, Carmen, Kay, and Buddy and families, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and in our prayers. Love to you all, David, Becky and Shannon White*

Becky White - February 19, 2014 at 09:44 AM

BM

“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy!! Sonny And Betty Morad*

Betty Morad - February 16, 2014 at 12:46 PM

DW

“ *You and your family are in our prayers. Sorry to hear of your loss.*

Debrah West - February 13, 2014 at 05:03 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss! Keeping you all in our prayers! Louis & Jo Ann Campbell*

Jo Ann Campbell - February 12, 2014 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts & prayers to everybody. My most favorite memories of my Uncle Tiger is his yummy cooking, hugs, and singing Blueberry Hill. I know that Uncle Tiger & my daddy "Tody" are angels in heaven together again. Peace be with our family.*

Jackie Blue - February 12, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JB

“ *William "Tiger" Craven Lyons*

Jim Barber - February 12, 2014 at 11:35 AM

CW

“ Uncle Craven, you were the man that taught me how important it was to pick flowers for the people you love and to not be afraid of flying in an airplane you said "why would you be afraid baby, Angels Fly". ~ thanks for the beautiful memories. Spread Your Wings and Fly'

Connie (Walters) Welch - February 12, 2014 at 10:57 AM

CW

“ Best Papa ever. Love you so much.

Carmen Welborn - February 11, 2014 at 06:29 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of Tiger's passing. I and many others enjoyed visiting with him at our annual 29th Radio Squadron Mobile reunions. He helped make them more special. Another American patriot has passed from this earth. Blessings to his family I will notify the 29th RSM group of this sad news as soon as my computer is repaired.
Bob

Bob Rennick - February 11, 2014 at 01:23 PM

LS

“ I am praying for your family during this time of sadness. Tiger will be surely missed. You could see what a wonderful father he was by the children he left behind. He is in your hearts and memory forever.

Lisa Sumrall - February 11, 2014 at 12:28 PM