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Elden “Lyal” Farmer, 81, of Rixeyville VA, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family June 14, 2020 from complications of cancer.

Lyal was born in Davenport VA, on June 3, 1939 to Ezekiel “Jack” Farmer and Minnie Ratliff. The youngest of 13 children, he grew up on a small farm in the heart of Virginia Coal Country. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served active duty in the Army’s 1st & 8th Calvary division until 1965 where he was honorably discharged for injury sustained during paratroop maneuvers, serving active duty in the Reserves until 1969.

Lyal married Bonnie Mullins in 1966 and settled down in Manassas VA, where they gave birth to son Edmund. In 1975 he married Carol Roach with son Tom, later giving birth to daughter Michelle. In 1994 he married Betty Beavers (five children) and settled in his final home in Rixeyville VA – a 30-acre farm where he lived out life taking care of the farm and property he loved.

Lyal was a hard worker, and provided well for his family. He worked as a Lineman/Foreman for Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op for 42 years, and was proud of the fact he was never late to work.

Lyal had a passion for race horses. He raised and owned several winning race horses over the years. He loved tending to the animals and the excitement of ‘track life’ – and could often be found in the paddock helping out the jockey and trainers prior to a race.

In retirement Lyal enjoyed working around the farm, tinkering, and collecting ‘stuff’. He loved a good time and could often be found relaxing with a cold beer on the back patio overlooking his beautiful farm, laughing/telling jokes with anyone who wanted to join in the fun. He loved his life with Betty on the farm and poured his heart into keep up the property, tending the garden, and taking care of the animals – often saying this was the ‘most beautiful place in the world’. He was a devoted father and



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husband, providing fatherly support and inspiration to everyone in his large extended family. He was always there as guardian, protector, mentor, and loving Father to so many.

Lyal is survived by his wife Betty Farmer; three children Edmund Farmer (Kimberly), Michelle Kane (Liam), Tom Bailey (Kelly), and step-children Meredith "Jr" (deceased), Michael (Suzanne), Sherri, Steve, Lawrence (Julia); siblings Harold Farmer, Hilma Stuby, Mildred Mitchell, Elaine Viegas; grandchildren Sofia, Mira, and Elena Farmer, Sloane Kane, TJ Bailey, Brittiany Scott, Victoria Howard, Makenzie Bailey, Amanda Young, Clarissa and Richie Sanders, Morgan Goode; great grandchildren Chris Neal, Brody Bailey, Blake and Ryan Howard, Cole, Cameron, and Connor Scott.

In addition to his parents, Lyal is preceded in death by his siblings Arnold Farmer, Ralph Farmer, Darnell "Bill" Farmer, Jack "Hillard" Farmer, Woody "Boone" Farmer, Betty O'Quinn.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper, 850 Sperryville Pike. Due to COVID-19 mandates, masks are required in our building.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel.

Due to the continued restrictions of the COVID pandemic the family would like to invite you to share in the service live stream by joining at

<https://www.oneromstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=159233556563674>

Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery with full honors provided by VFW Post 2524.

Potted or plantable flowers are encouraged.

An Online Guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



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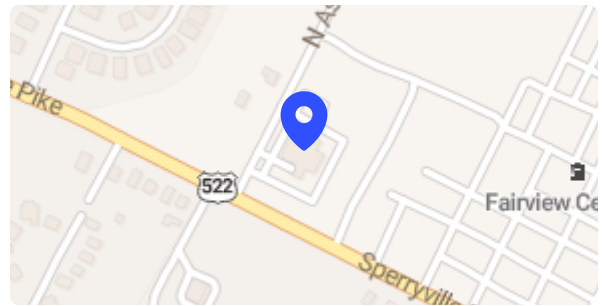
Visitation

Thursday, June 18, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



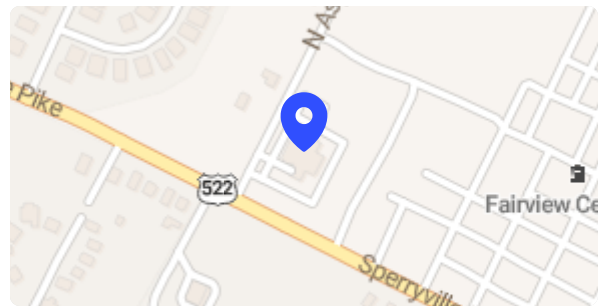
Funeral Service

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850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Burial

Friday, June 19, 2020

Culpeper National Cemetery (New)
501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701





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Found And Sons Funeral Chapels - Cremation Service shared a **Video**.



June 16 at 7:28 AM

SR Sissy Raines Robinson June 19 at 8:05 AM

Betty, Michelle and family I just wanted to say how much I loved Lyal. He was a big part of my childhood with my mom and dad running Visco's for him to him and Betty coming in for my wedding. Just know that I love you all and am praying for all of you. I know my daddy was happy to see his ole friend in heaven! Love you, Sissy



Drew Joyce posted:

Our deepest sympathy. Great Uncle Lyal, you will be missed. Drew, Sarah, Emerson & Sean Joyce
London, Kentucky

June 19 at 8:36 AM



Trish posted:

When I think of Lyal it is always happy thoughts and the best of memories as he made sure we always had a good laugh during visits and/or phone conversations. He always made an effort to keep in contact with his family at least monthly to say hello and talk about anything we wanted to and was open to give the best advice. He bought me my first bicycle, a memory we always talked about. He will be missed beyond what words can possibly describe. Love you uncle Lyal. Prayers for Betty, Edmond and Michelle and all of his family. Trish

June 19 at 6:36 AM



Elizabeth Kitamura posted:

The Kitamura family in Japan send our sincerest condolences to dearest Betty and all the family. We will miss Lyal's good humor, dedication, excellent advice and warmth of heart. His hard work and positive attitude brought joy to us all. We are so grateful we knew him. Taro, Elizabeth, Eugene, Erica and Emily

June 18 at 4:36 PM



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M. Cecilia Schneider lit a candle in honor of Elden.

The Vial Schneider family in Chile joins you in your sorrow. Lyal was truly part of our family. We will miss him and his humour and his devotion to our family too. We love you Betty and the children, grandchildren and send you tons of hugs, prayers and love. Jorge, Cecilia, and Charlie.

June 18 at 1:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Farmer family.

June 18 at 11:19 AM



Brenda Farmer lit a candle in honor of Elden.

I'll never forget all the fun times on the farm, the ole bar in Haysi, moonshine in the cellar and fun talks on the phone with Uncle Lyal. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. A kind heart like all the FARMER men. My heart goes out to Edmund, Michelle, Betty and everyone who knew him and how precious he was. Love you Uncle Lyal. Prayers for the family.oxoxoxBrenda

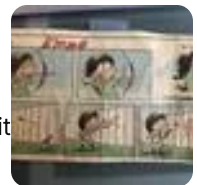
June 18 at 7:50 AM



Emma James shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm so sad to hear of Lyal's passing. Sending lots of love and prayers to Betty, Lawrence, Michelle, Sherri, Mike and the rest of the family. I always loved going to visit Lyal & Betty and the farm. I'll never forget the below newspaper clipping cartoon, teasing me about bow hunting! Lol.

June 17 at 4:09 PM



Nancy Willingham June 18 at 3:13 AM

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you and your family strength and peace during this hard time.



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Beverly (Frame) Calderoni sent a virtual gift in honor of Elden.

Ed, Tom & Michelle, So very sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of your Dad and his racehorses. (I exercised one of his Horses for a while.) Mom and I went to the racetrack with him a few times, as well! Always enjoyed listening to his stories!! May the memories you have and that are shared with you help fill your hearts with his love. My deepest sympathies to you and your families!



June 17 at 3:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Farmer family.



June 17 at 2:39 PM



Kevin Becker posted:

May the love of God heal you as the burden in your heart abounds. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

June 17 at 7:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Farmer family.



June 17 at 4:50 AM



Paul Carothers posted:

My thoughts are with your family and my memories are with you my friend. Rest In Peace Paul Carothers

June 17 at 2:32 AM



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Cynthia Lawson lit a candle in honor of Elden.

We sincerely send our condolences to our dear friend Sherri Young and her family in the loss of Elden Lyal Farmer. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him. Shirley Smoot and Cindy Lawson



June 16 at 4:38 PM



Pearlina Minter June 19 at 8:01 AM

That was a beautiful service,,thank you so much for letting me be able to share that moment with you,,,,he was a great man and had a wonderful family that loved him and you could ask for nothing better than that.Sherri you and your mom and rest of the family are in my prayers,,,love you.Pearline



Pearlina Minter June 18 at 12:55 PM

Sending a abundant amount of hugs, prayers and love to sherrie and her family on this heartbreaking day, please lord wrap your arms around this family and embrace them, forever in my thoughts and prayers, Pearlina Minter



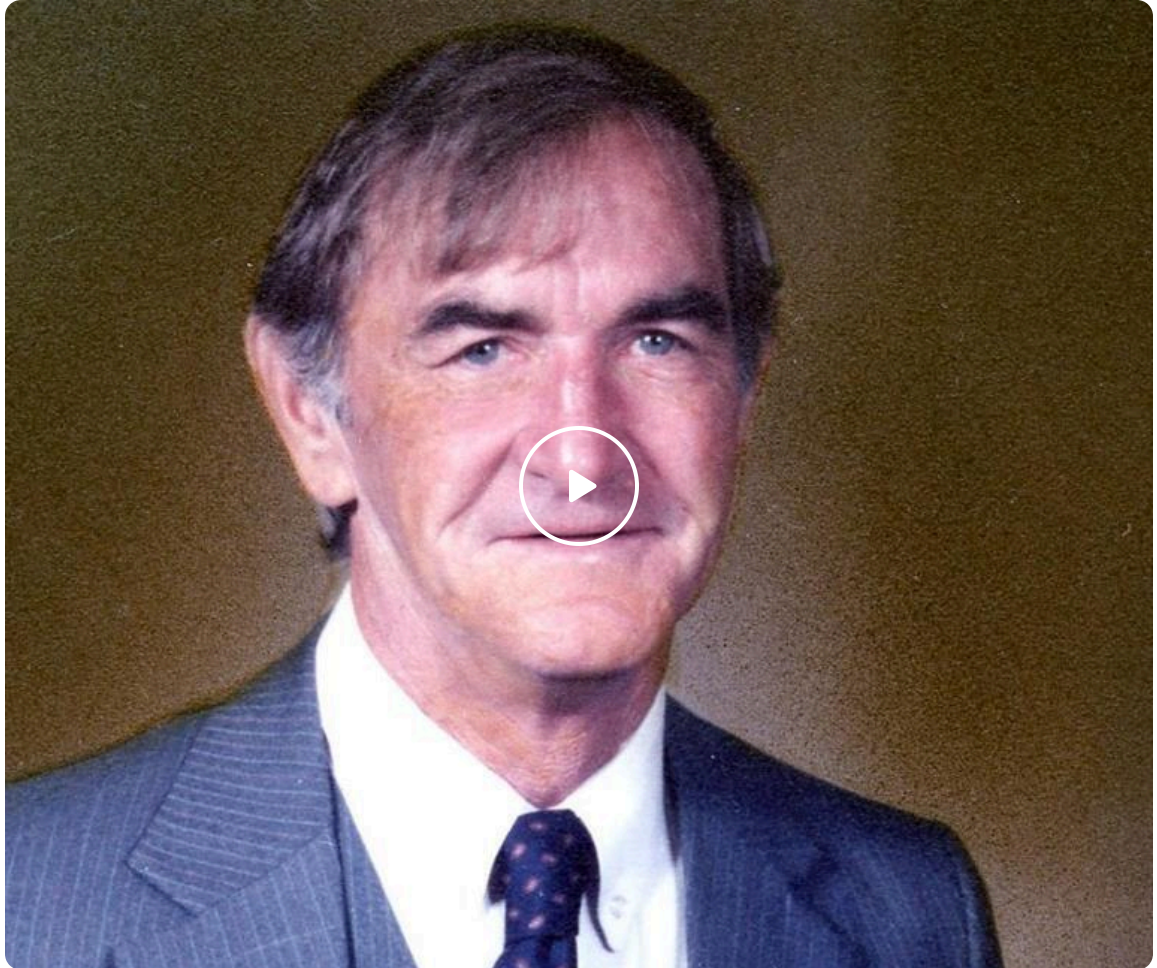
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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