



## Dr. Ray Lyle

September 11, 1925 - July 3, 2012

Dr. R. Raymond Lyle, age 86, of Versailles, passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. He was born September 11, 1925, in Maryville, Missouri, a son of the late Chester Raymond and Mildred Ailene Nicholas Lyle.

Dr. Lyle graduated from Maryville High School at the age of 16 and Westminster College in Fulton at the age of 19. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS degree in Medicine and received his MD from Washington University School of Medicine in 1949. He completed his internship at Kansas City General Hospital in 1950.

He was married to his lifelong love, Jean Perry, in 1949, and was by his own admission living with his perfectly matched mate up to this event. Together they had four children, Dr. Ray Lyle, Jr. and wife Carla of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Linda Lee and husband Bo of Joplin, Missouri, David Lyle and wife Mary of Overland Park, Kansas and Dr. Shelley Lyle of Columbia, Missouri. He was especially proud of his ten grandchildren, Robert W. Lyle, Nicholas D. Lyle, Marcus R. Lyle and wife Kari, Meredith M. Green and husband Jack, Allison J. Mardis and husband Brett, Andrew D. Lyle, Charles P. Lyle, Jonathan R. Lyle, Emily E. Lyle and Anne Lyle Eckenrode and husband Andrew; three great-granddaughters and a great-grandson.

He served in the United States Navy Medical Corps on the USS M.M. Patrick and the USS Fredrick Funstun during the Korean Conflict as attending physician on troop transport ships estimating 12 Trans Pacific voyages. He retired from the Naval Reserves duty a LCDR after 22 years of service to his country.

Dr. Lyle moved to Versailles to practice with Dr. Jack Gunn and Dr. Ruth Kauffman Johnson at the Gunn Clinic and was there for over 50 years. Dr. Robert Hall joined them for 25 years of service. After retirement Ray was especially rewarded to be active in medicine as a “Locum Tenens” physician and seeing patients at the free clinic well into his early 80’s.

Dr. Lyle was an Eagle Scout and was later the Scout Master of the local Troop 30. He also served as past president and board member of the Morgan County R-II School Board, was coroner of Morgan County for many years, was a founding member of the Board of MID-MO PSRO, a founding member of the Board at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Versailles, was a life member of the Missouri State Medical Association, a life member of the American Medical Association, a life member of the Missouri Academy of Family Practice, and was once selected as “Physician of the Year” for Capital Region Medical Center.

He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, 60 years at Versailles UMC, and the Republican Party. He was also a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, the American Medical Association, and the Missouri Academy of Family Practice where he served as past president and chairman of the Board.

Dr. Lyle especially loved dealing with people, so his “Family Physician” title was especially fitting. He also loved sports, volunteering as team doctor for Versailles High School teams and being a supporter of Missouri Tiger Football

and Basketball. He was an avid reader of history, a man who dearly loved to rise and get to the office because medicine was what he loved to do. He considered it a privilege to treat patients. His affirmation was to say, "I am the luckiest man in the world" and more than that, "life just keeps getting better". He is at his best now, in the hands of his loving God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kurby Lyle.

A celebration of Dr. Lyle's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 6, at the Versailles United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Adkison officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Versailles Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church or to the University of Missouri Children's Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Versailles United Methodist Church  
201 N. Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Tribute Wall



“ Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle



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**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I was so fortunate to have Ray as part of my life growing up. The Lyle's felt like one of the many families I had. I hadn't seen him in years, yet to this day I can still hear his laugh. My thoughts and love to Jean, Ray, Linda, David, and Shelley.

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**Carole Hall** - July 07, 2012 at 04:15 PM

MP

“ Ray and Jean are among our dearest friends. We have felt a part of their family since our senior year in medical school and college, having had the privilege of working with Ray in Versailles as preceptor at MU Medical School. We have enjoyed many visits and good times with the Lyles over the past 62 years. Ray was always a role model, outstanding physician, and wonderful friend. He will always be missed by all of us. Our greatest regret is that we couldn't spend more time together. Our deepest sympathy to Jean and all the family. Our lives have been deeply touched by Ray, and we are deeply saddened at his passing.  
Marv and Suzanne Parker

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**Marvin G Parker** - July 07, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beckie Hildreth lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle*



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**Beckie Hildreth** - July 06, 2012 at 11:44 AM



*As one of the Nurses that worked at Gunn Clinic with Dr Lyle .He will be missed His Family Physician was just that he teated Babies and Seniors as well and everyone in between. His compassion for his Family, Friends and Coworkers was wonderful. He always had a kind word and smile .May God bless and Keep Jean and his Family . He will be missed by many. Beckie Hildreth LPN*

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**Beckie Hildreth** - July 06, 2012 at 11:51 AM

CK

“ *Ray and his wife graciously allowed me to rent the small cottage near their home during a difficult interim in my life. It gave me time to get my feet on the ground before committing to a more permanent setting down of roots when I moved back to an area where I felt home was. I loved that little house and I had the most compassionate attentive landlord in Ray. He and Mrs. Lyle made a very difficult transition in my life possible. I lost physical contact with him over the years but not with the heartfelt gratitude firmly embedded in the memory banks. The world is a poorer place without Ray. But Heaven is now much richer.*

*Cliff Keeler  
Jefferson City*

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**Cliff Keeler** - July 06, 2012 at 10:06 AM



“ A life tribute video for Dr. Lyle has been created and uploaded by Kidwell-Garber.

Click on the "Photos & Videos" tab, then "Tribute Video" to view.  
[a high-speed Internet connection is required]

Or, you may visit and/or share the following link:  
<http://videos.lifetributes.com/317043>

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**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - July 06, 2012 at 03:27 AM

GD

“ G. Richard And Karen Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle



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**G. Richard and Karen Dobbins** - July 05, 2012 at 11:12 PM

GD

*Jean and family: We are so sorry for your loss of such a GREAT MAN and PHYSICIAN! Ray was such a kind and generous man. He served his community well. You could always talk to him about anything at any time and he was there to listen to you. Such a good friend to all. We remember just several weeks ago, at his McDonalds coffee shop with a bunch of his buddies.....he made a special effort to come over and check on Dick and his leg problems. It seemed he was always concerned about the other person.*

*We have six grandchildren with us this week, so we will send our condolences by mail, but we just wanted to let you know, Jean, that our prayers are with you. Time passes so fast.....it won't be long and we will all get to see our loved ones again in that Great Home Above! G. Richard and Karen Dobbins*

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**G. Richard and Karen Dobbins** - July 05, 2012 at 11:25 PM

AF

“ So so sorry to hear of your loss Jean. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You and your husband are such a delight and I am saddened to hear of his passing. God Bless, Amy Fleetwood

Amy Fleetwood - July 05, 2012 at 11:08 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Gunn - July 05, 2012 at 12:48 PM

MD

Love this photo!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks for sharing. Mary Daniels

Mary Daniels - July 05, 2012 at 02:52 PM

NL

“ Dr. Lyle's passing is a loss in so many ways! When he retired we lost him as a doctor and no one has ever measured up since! The man I knew as a Doctor is the same man I saw away from the clinic: compassionate, kind, and caring-it was genuine. He ALWAYS had a smile, his joy radiated from within, no hiding it. His sense of integrity, character, and values is something we do not see much of any longer. He will truly be missed by so many. Thank you to Jean and children for sharing their husband and dad with so many for so long. We only knew the "tip of the iceberg" so to speak, you were blessed with all the rest! Blessings to each of you now.  
Nita Loganbill

Nita Loganbill - July 05, 2012 at 09:26 AM

TK

“ *What a wonderful reputation the Lyle family has in the community of Versailles! Yvonne and I have been in Maryville, the hometown of Doctor Lyle, and we've been in Hornersville, the hometown of Mrs. Lyle. Isn't it wonderful that Doctor and Mrs. Lyle met, even though Maryville is in the far northwest part of Missouri and Hornersville is deep in the Missouri Boot Heel. May the Lyle family be comforted by the wonderful legacy Doctor Lyle and his family has given to Versailles and Morgan County.*



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**Tom & Yvonne Kerr** - July 04, 2012 at 10:27 PM

SW

“ *Such a kind, warm and loving man. He and Jean raised the most awesome children in Ray, Linda, David and Shelley. I'm so proud to consider them friends. As a doctor, they don't come any more knowledgeable or compassionate. His "bedside manner" was comforting and reassuring to all his patients. His smile could light up an entire room--and often did! My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*

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**Susan Williams Waldron** - July 04, 2012 at 08:31 PM

MD

“ I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with the kindest, most compassionate and brilliant physician. He was also a great teacher, always taking the time to explain diseases, conditions and treatments. Also answer any of my sometimes "silly" questions, though they were never silly to him. ( I was young and had just completed nursing school).

Not only was he special to me, but also to Jim and our children They thought he could "fix" anything.

I cannot forget to mention the special "doctor's wife", who graciously shared him with so many people.

MY FRIEND, thanks for the great memories.

Mary Daniels and family

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Mary Daniels - July 04, 2012 at 02:24 PM

DM

“ A wonderful Doctor , but also growing up next door to to the family a wonderful person, and friend. The family is in our prayers . David Debbie (Gerber) McCollom



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debbie mcollom - July 04, 2012 at 12:13 PM

MD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jean and the rest of the Lyle family. I had the privilege of having him as a doctor while growing up in Versailles. He was a very nice man and doctor. I always remember him on the golf course. RIP Dr. Lyle  
Mary Ellen Dunnaway



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - July 04, 2012 at 11:57 AM



“ Adelia Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle



Adelia Hutchison - July 04, 2012 at 11:39 AM



“ Rick Cindy Davenport lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle



Rick Cindy Davenport - July 03, 2012 at 11:47 PM



I was so fortunate to know Ray (through his lovely daughter, Linda) from the time I moved to Versailles with my family in 1965..... up until the present date. Ray and Jean were avid supporters of the Royal Theatre and I always enjoyed their enthusiasm, the joy they shared with each other and their smiling faces. Ray always had witty, uplifting and positive comments. He would bring a smile with his smile. He and Jean were parents to 4 wonderful children. Our prayers go out to you.

Rick Cindy Davenport - July 03, 2012 at 11:55 PM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Lyle's passing. He was my family doc as a child and took excellent care of me. I still remember the many housecalls he made for my family and me. Lainie Franklin (aka Elaine Hardin)

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**Lainie Franklin** - July 03, 2012 at 07:31 PM

RH

“ Rod & Dru Hayes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ray Lyle



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**Rod & Dru Hayes** - July 03, 2012 at 07:26 PM

BL

“ The Versailles community has lost a good man. He always had a positive attitude and a great faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and the family.

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**Bob & Wilma Long** - July 03, 2012 at 07:13 PM