



Arthur "Lyle" Ames

January 30, 1924 - April 14, 2025

Arthur "Lyle" Ames, age 101, of Pickford, Michigan, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2025, at Hillman's Haven in Hillman, Michigan. He was born on January 30, 1924, in Pickford to Arthur and Martha (Kinnee) Ames.

Lyle was raised in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School. After graduation he moved to Pontiac, Michigan, for work, but wasn't there long before he returned home and then joined the United States Navy. He married his high school sweetheart, Lorma Hillock in Baltimore, Maryland, shortly before deploying with the Navy during World War II. He proudly served his country, and often shared stories of his time aboard the USS Iowa—including witnessing the signing of the peace treaty between the United States and Japan via periscope. Following his military service Lyle returned to Pickford to begin life with Lorma and raising a family together. He worked several years for A&P Tea Company serving stores in Pickford, Rudyard and Newberry, before opening his own Red Owl Store in Pickford. After closing the Red Owl Store, he held many part time jobs including Postal Clerk, Lipsett's Garage, McDonald Realty, Slater's Service Station, and Taylor Lumber. He also served as Assistant Chief of the Pickford Fire and Ambulance. Lyle was also a long-time member of the Masons. In the early 1970s both Lorma and Lyle moved to Gaylord, Michigan, to work as Postal Clerks. Lorma become Postmaster of Elmira, Michigan, and Lyle became Postmaster at Waters, Michigan, a position he held until his retirement. He and Lorma enjoyed traveling

throughout the U.S., eventually finding their winter haven in Tucson, Arizona. Lyle was an avid hunter and basketball fan and spent many happy hours deer hunting and watching basketball. Lyle also enjoyed singing Barbershop and directed mixed choirs in Tucson Meadows and at Hillman's Haven.

Lyle is survived by his son, Rodney (Frances) Ames of Walled Lake, Michigan; daughter, Cheri (Stewart) Scramlin of Hillman; grandchildren, Brent (Eva) Ames, Christy (Alex) Ross, Michelin Scramlin, and Erin (Jared) Fletcher; great-grandchildren, Addison and Ava Fletcher; sisters-in-law, Carol O'Conner of Georgetown, Texas, and Clara Hillock of Pickford.

Lyle was preceded in death by his wife, Lorma; parents, Arthur and Martha; grandson, Joshua Scramlin; and brothers-in-law, Larry Hillock, Richard Hillock, Hartwell Hillock, and John Hillock.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. The Funeral Service will follow immediately at 12:00 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Lyle to Hillman's Haven, 200 Elizabeth St. Hillman, MI 49746, or Pennington Home, 665 S. Pleasant St. Pickford, MI 49774.

Lyle's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GH

“ I have so many fond memories of Uncle Lyle. He was such a kind and decent man. He had a unique sense of humor that made it so much fun to be around.

Through my tears there is a smile. I feel so blessed and thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to be Uncle Lyle's nephew .

We send our condolences from Texas, love Gary and Gina.

Gary Hillock - April 19, 2025 at 11:08 AM

DV

“ What a wonderful, full life Lyle lived. I did not know him except that he was my brother in law Fred's uncle. Fred and Charlene told so many great stories of him and Aunt Lorma. I imagine there was a great reunion in heaven this week.

Debra Viele - April 18, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.



April 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ To Rod and Cheri and families...Expressing sympathy for a life well lived and one of blessings to many. Joyce Crawford-Henderson

joyce h. - April 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.*



April 18, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.*



April 18, 2025 at 06:32 AM



“ *I only knew Lyle a short time, but it didn't take long to see what an inspiration he was to all he met. He left a legacy that will long be remembered. I feel blessed to have greeted him at our church service one last time, just the day before he died. My thoughts and prayers are with Lyle's family and friends. He will certainly be missed.*

Sharon Reed - April 17, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.*



April 17, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DT

“ Donna T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.

Donna T. - April 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM



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JN

“ I am saddened to learn of Lyle's passing but, like many, honored to have had him touch my life for a few years. Lyle directed, I accompanied, the Hillman's Haven Chorus. "Let There Be Peace On Earth" will always be Lyle's song for me and he was masterful at getting the absolute best out of each vocalist with this piece! My favorite "Lyle Story" was following our Christmas concert 2023. Lyle had already announced he was "retiring" from directing on his 100th birthday. Our concert was an emotional affair for all of us - we knew his health was declining but we hated to give up our weekly rehearsals also our weekly heckling! January 29, 2024 arrived with appropriate birthday celebrating and Lyle was 100! Mid morning on February 2, 2024 Lyle called to say " Judy, I've been looking over some music for a spring concert...what do you think?" That was Lyle!
Rest in much-deserved peace, friend. You will be missed!

Judy M. Nichols - April 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM

PM

“ Paul M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Lyle" Ames.

Paul M. - April 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM

KP

“ What a wonderful Man. He sure knew how to bring out the best in people especially their singing ability. I will always cherish the time in the Hillman's Haven Music Group. Sheri and Stew, you have my sincere sympathy. Soooo hard to say goodbye to your Dad.

Karen Porter - April 17, 2025 at 09:18 AM

CB

“ My family sends our condolences, Lyle and my dad became friends while living at the Haven and they played cribbage together. I will never forget him telling my dad (Al Harris) that he was a fireman years ago and not to worry if there was ever a fire, he would throw my dad over his shoulder and carry him out of the Haven

Char & Gary Bahrke - April 17, 2025 at 08:57 AM

KA

“ Very sad to hear about Lyle’s passing. He will always have a special place in my heart. I appreciated him and the interactions we had over the years. My deepest condolences and thoughts to his family.

Love, Ken Ames

Kenneth Ames - April 17, 2025 at 07:36 AM

SG

“ Lyle was a very special man. I so enjoyed singing with the Meadow Lark group at Tucson Meadows with Lyle as our director. He made it really FUN!

With sympathy, Sandy Groth

sandy Groth - April 16, 2025 at 09:43 PM

KB

“ Prayers go out to the entire Family. I loved this man. He was like a second Dad to me cause I was either at their home or Cheri was at mine spending the night. He was always smiling-such a Sweetheart



kathy batho - April 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM