



Lyle Donovan

July 28, 1921 - December 19, 2013

Lyle L. Donovan, of Sunsites died at home on December 19, 2013 at the age of 92. He was born in Gage, Oklahoma on July 28, 1921 to Carl William Donovan and Pearl Jacoby Donovan. Lyle was a farmer in childhood, was a WW II Veteran serving in the US Navy Seabees. Was a pioneer in Rural Telephone Expansion and Long Term Management and was the 1st manager of Valley Telephone Coop from 1963 to 1984 and was responsible for its successful expansion. For 26 years he served as a board member of the Tohono O'Odham Utility Authority in Sells, Arizona. Lyle was a single Digit Handicap Golfer and taught his grandchildren the game of golf; he loved to travel, fish and his ice cream. He was a member of the Willcox Elks Lodge#2131, Willcox Masonic Lodge #10 F & AM, Sabbar Shrine and was a roadrunner, driving the little yellow cars. On September 30, 1941 in Buffalo, Oklahoma he married Bobbie Jewel who survives him. Also surviving is his son Dennis of Bisbee and his daughters Debra (John) Francis of Silver City, NM and Darla (Jim) Harguess of Queen Creek, AZ and 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. His brother Rev. Bill (Peggy) Donovan of Shawnee, OK also survives him. Lyle was a loving and supportive father and was an all around good guy. Funeral Services will be 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Westlawn Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery. For the loving care that was given to Lyle by hospice please contribute to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Services

entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Funeral

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Donovan*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Lori Donovan lit a candle in memory of Lyle Donovan*



Lori Donovan - January 28, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *sooooo many fond memories of Lyle and the Donavans. Each time I came back to Willcox, he was just as kind as he was 40 years earlier. So sorry for your loss , Willcox has really lost a great man!*
Maggie

maggie yard - December 26, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ *David Shelton lit a candle in memory of Lyle Donovan*



David Shelton - December 26, 2013 at 03:09 PM



I was so sorry to here about Lyle... What great memories of a wonderful man!

David Shelton - December 26, 2013 at 03:11 PM

PL

“ . Lyle was a good neighbor and friend of our family for many years. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy to Bobbie and family.
Pat & girls

Pat Pinson, Bev & linda - December 21, 2013 at 01:58 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



J G Donovan - December 21, 2013 at 11:39 AM

GB

“ Gary W. Braxton purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lyle Donovan.



Gary W. Braxton - December 20, 2013 at 01:47 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lyle Donovan.



December 20, 2013 at 09:59 AM

TC

“ *The Staff of Western NM Telephone/WNM communications purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Lyle Donovan.*



The Staff of Western NM Telephone/WNM communications -
December 20, 2013 at 09:54 AM

JK

“ *Jack and Helen Keen purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Lyle Donovan.*



Jack and Helen Keen - December 20, 2013 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ *LaDonna Burgess lit a candle in memory of Lyle Donovan*



LaDonna Burgess - December 20, 2013 at 01:14 AM