



## Lyman Boursaw Jr.

June 4, 1932 - April 2, 2024

Lyman E. Boursaw, Jr., 91, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. Lyman was born at home on June 4, 1932, in Topeka, the son of Lyman, Sr. and Grace (Delk) Boursaw. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) and his Native American name was Shabbona. Lyman grew up in Topeka and he attended Highland Park schools from Kindergarten through High School, where he played football and basketball and was in the band. He then attended Washburn University where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Lyman served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. After his discharge, Lyman held several positions with life insurance companies, followed by being a partner in Met-Con Products in Topeka. Later, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a mail routing machine operator and trainer. In 2005, he was asked by the CPN Chairman to be part of the team that designed and later oversaw the construction of the CPN Community Center in Rossville KS. This was followed by the construction of ten duplexes located near the center. Lyman served as the CPN Housing Manager in Rossville since 2007. Lyman enjoyed listening to jazz music and dancing to the sounds of the big bands. An avid golfer, Lyman played countless rounds of golf and bad weather was never a deterrent, as evidenced by playing in a snowstorm in August in Canada with his brother, Jon.

Lyman is survived by his daughter, Nicole Boursaw Lux (Tony) of Shawnee

KS; grandchildren, Mallory and Wyatt; and his brother, Jon Boursaw (Peggy) of Topeka.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in the CPN Community Center, 806 Nishnabe Trail, in Rossville at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024. Native and casual attire is acceptable.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to TOP City Supports Ukraine and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life**

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

CPN Community Center  
806 Nichnabe Trail  
Rossville, KS 66533

# Tribute Wall



“ Lyman will be missed by many, It was always nice to see him when I visited the community center in Rossville. He was a part of my naming ceremony. I will miss seeing his smiling face, and talking about tribal stuff. He always had the answer for you when you would ask questions. My condolences go out to his family. Dokme Myew

Iris Holloway - April 24, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Lyman and got to know him more through his brother Jon. He loved to visit and he help I and my family with renting the hall in Rossville and having our last one in the house and have a grand day for his graduation dinner with friends and family. I will miss him at Potawatomi Gatherings and visits with him. He was one in a million.

Lance Wishkeno - April 16, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ I worked with Lyman for many years from the main CPN office in Oklahoma. He was a delight and had my upmost respect. He was the CPN face for the Rossville area. I will miss our bi-weekly Zoom meetings and miss him at the annual reunion/festival this year. He was such a kind man and gave the best hugs. Lyman was extremely proud of his tribe and his heritage. He leaves many happy memories and will be greatly missed.

Sherry Byers - April 15, 2024 at 01:53 PM

KF

“ Knight family and Welton family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lyman Boursaw Jr..



Knights family and Welton family - April 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

KF

“ Knight family and Welton family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyman Boursaw Jr..

Knights family and Welton family - April 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

DM

“ Lyman will be truly missed, thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. He was always so wonderful to visit with and knew you would see him at some type of CPN event. We went to his 90th birthday party and he was definitely at loved person. He shared a lot of found memories that day. So blessed to have known him.



Dan and Gerry Lou Marstall - April 10, 2024 at 02:26 PM

KW

“ Lyman, will be truly missed.



Kimberly Welton - April 09, 2024 at 08:19 AM

BJ

“ Betty J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lyman Boursaw Jr..

Betty J. - April 06, 2024 at 03:27 PM

DM

“ Charlie and I dearly loved Lyman and always tried to meet up with him when he was in Topeka. We had many wonderful conversations with him and Jon. His face always lit up when we came in. I am so sorry I'll be unable to attend his service as I am scheduled for a chemo treatment that morning but he will definitely be in my prayers as well as his whole family. RIP my friend.

Diana and Charlie Mayer - April 05, 2024 at 04:33 PM

LJ

“ Linda (McAtee) Massey And Joe lit a candle in memory of Lyman Boursaw Jr.



Linda (McAtee) Massey and Joe - April 05, 2024 at 03:55 PM

LJ

“ Although we had not seen much of each the past few years I am going to miss you cousin. When I was little I was told I went around saying I was going to marry him and he even had to take me to Gage Park to break the news he was going to get married. I was the youngest and the only girl in the family and I so many great memories. Like, you boys doing something and telling me not to tell and family get togethers. May God be with all during this time of sorrow.

Linda (McAtee) Massey and Joe - April 05, 2024 at 03:55 PM

LS

“ I will miss Lyman at the center, it brings a smile to my face of the Tuesdays we made food and he was there for quality control. He was very knowledgeable and I'd have him on my Trivia team any time. We always had Ice Cream on Fat Tuesday, because we shared the love of this and I'd give up for Lent. I will miss your smiling face. bama mine ke, hope I did that right Lyman.

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**Loretta Sickmann** - April 05, 2024 at 02:47 PM