



Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele

January 5, 1947 - November 26, 2020

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.

Job 13:15

He, whose name was Lyman Lewis Teele, was born on January 5, 1947, in Pitt

County, NC. He was the youngest child of John Richard Teele and Bessie White Teele. He was born in Simpson, NC, and spent his early years in the surrounding areas including Grimesland, Washington, and Chocowinity. He attended GR Whitfield school until the end of the 10th grade when he moved to Greenville, NC because of his father's health. He still had fond memories of the times and teachers at GR Whitfield. Upon moving to Greenville, he attended C.M. Eppes High School and graduated with the class of 1966. He and those classmates remained the best of friends. After graduating, he joined the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam before returning home to Greenville. He worked many jobs in his quest to help take care of his Mother and later his family.

In 1971, he met a young lady named Sylvia Ann Snead who would later become

his wife. He worked hard to become a good provider and father for his family which now includes three daughters and a niece that they cared for as their own. Through the years he worked for McKenzie Security and Budd Services in different security assignments all while serving in the 514th Military Police National Guard Unit located in Greenville, NC. He served that unit for over 20

years traveling to the California desert, the Philippines, Egypt, and many more stateside locations. In 1991, when the Unit was called to Germany; he made the hard decision to leave the 514th MP Unit because his daughters begged him not to leave them. Soon after leaving the Unit he became employed at ECU Brody School of Medicine where he later retired.

To know him was to love him. He never left home without sporting one of his many Vietnam Veteran hats. Lyman was a man of many words and if you knew him you know he did not mind using them. He never met a stranger and loved to talk. His grandchildren and nephews have been laughing for years at the joke about the smartest man in the world. Some of his greatest saying were "I'm doing all right for an old man", "I'll be your lollipop but not your all-day sucker" "Common sense isn't common to everybody", "Avery sugar sugar", "love is a misunderstanding between two fools.", "I taught her everything she knows" "Justa ugly" "excuse my French" "a hundred years from now it won't make a bit of difference" "this too shall pass." No matter how many times we said I love you his reply was always "I love you more".

He was a faithful and dedicated member of York Memorial AME Zion Church where he served as a Trustee for several pastors and Chair for several years. He was well-known figure in the North Carolina Conference. He was a supportive husband, faithful member, and a step-in standup guy. He supported his wife in her Pastoral assignments at Keyesville AME Zion Church, Washington, NC, and most recently at Cannon Temple AME Zion church in Edenton, NC.

He touched everyone he encountered with his friendly and supportive demeanor. If anyone asked about Lyman everyone would say he was just an all-around good guy. Lyman departed this life during his favorite time of year early Thursday, November 26, 2020 on Thanksgiving morning God answered Lyman's request to sleep away.

He was preceded in death by both his parents; his brothers, Steven Teel, Morris Teele, Bill Teel, James Teel; his sisters, Carrie Teel, Barbara Ann Teel,

Edna Turnage; his cousin, Eddie Dean Morris.

He leaves to cherish fond memories with his wife and companion of 49 years, Sylvia Ann Snead Teele; his girls, Alysia Teele, Nikki Teele, Lymanda Brewington (William) all of Greenville, NC, Tonya Dixon of Raleigh, NC; his grandchildren, Anthony Rayshad Grimes, Teonte' Douglas, Ja'Nique Strong, Elijah Teele, Nakiya Carmichael, Davia Teele, Javonte' Amir Strong, all of Greenville, NC; brothers and sister in law, Leroy Hubbard, Joseph Briggs (Theresa), and Shonda Hubbard, all of Greenville, NC; devoted family members, Gregory Morris, of Atlanta, GA, Dionne Johnson of Richmond, VA, and James Jones (Bossman) of Greenville, NC; God-sisters, Wyna Roulach of Grimesland, NC, Lucille Sayles of Greenville, NC, Joyce Karr of Raleigh, NC; God-brothers, Charles Gorham, Charles Smith and Marvin Smith (Belinda); special friends, James Anderson, James Parker, Pokey Jackson, Willie Blount, Melvin McLawhorn, the CM Eppes Class of '66, Blaney Parker, and Cliff Vereen, who he was friends with since Vietnam; host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

If we ever needed to find him, we could find him in Walmart or Harris Barbershop with Carl Harris and the guys.

His love and friendly spirit will be missed by many

Cemetery Details

Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

164 Longs Plant Farm Road
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Pansy Taft-Butkowski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Pansy Taft-Butkowski - February 08, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Our heart goes out to you all during this trying time. We pray that comfort from us all overtakes the family. We loved Bro Teal and we will truly miss him. The Worrell Family and the Wal-Mart family on Greenville Blvd.*

Angela Worrell - December 04, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Sylvia may God keep you and your family forever in His care. Love you all.*



Gloria Brewington-Person - December 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Johnny and LaVette Ford - December 04, 2020 at 02:28 PM

MT

“ Mack And Ann Teel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Mack and Ann Teel - December 04, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Elizabeth Gilbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Elizabeth Gilbert - December 04, 2020 at 10:24 AM

GD

“ Gerelene Fleming Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Gerelene Fleming Dixon - December 04, 2020 at 07:11 AM

AT

“ Alysia Teele sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Alysia Teele - December 04, 2020 at 12:12 AM

AT

“ Missing My Father Like Crazy This Is The Hardest Thing I've Had To Deal w/!!! 😭😭

Alysia Teele - December 04, 2020 at 12:04 AM

AT

“ Alysia Teele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Alysia Teele - December 03, 2020 at 11:59 PM

JD

I am just finding out about Lyman's passing. He was one of many NCO's that helped me in my military career. I am going to miss that smile and laugh that he always showed. RIP Sarge. Family you are in our thoughts and prayers!
Johnnie Dove, NCNG Retired

Johnnie Dove - February 03, 2021 at 05:02 AM

MB

“*Lyman Teele is one of the few people that I can truly say was a wonderful person thru and thru, always the same. Lyman was truly genuine! I'm really going to miss my classmate and my friend. See you later.*



Mary B. Baker - December 03, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JJ

“ It is once again that members of the Greenville Industrial - C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Association pay our respects to the family of another alum who has crossed over. Collectively, we forward our heart felt condolences and words of sympathy to the family of Lyman Teel.

Lyman supported this Association with his time, talent and treasure, and you can't ask anymore of anyone than that. We were blessed to know him, some of us even grow up with him, went to Eppes with him, played basketball with him, and we all had conversations with him, on many subjects.

As it has been written, Lyman had a contagious smile that he always left with you as he walked away. It will always be remembered.

A man who served his country honorably and would not have taken anything for the time he served; he also served God with that same commitment.

To the family, we know you are hurting now and will miss him as we all will. But, God promised to "never" leave you nor forsake you. Rest on that promise and know that He will send the comforter, in due time, to help fill that hole that is your heart. Keep the faith as you know Lyman would want you to.

Farewell brother Lyman, take your rest, we love you, and God loves you best.

*James Harper, Jr.
National President*

JAMES HARPER JR - December 03, 2020 at 09:34 PM

NT

Thank you so much ❤️

Nikki Teele - December 05, 2020 at 10:53 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis Gilbert Spellman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Phyllis Gilbert Spellman - December 03, 2020 at 01:47 PM

SP

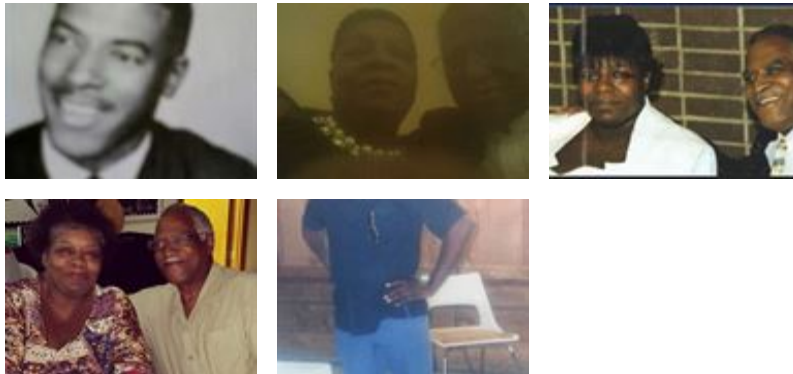
“ *Sarah Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Sarah Pritchard - December 03, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - December 03, 2020 at 10:32 AM

LS

“ I met Lyman when he was a guard at Greenville Utilities. Really enjoyed talking to him. Great person.

Lee Spain - December 02, 2020 at 11:27 PM

CB

“ Cedric & Sybil Bunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Cedric & Sybil Bunn - December 02, 2020 at 09:50 PM

AR

“ Anthonette "Annette Hines " Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Anthonette "Annette Hines " Robertson - December 02, 2020 at 09:44 PM

RS

“ I have know SGT Teele for close to 40 years. My husband Ronnie and I were members of the 514th MP CO 1st Plt. He was a soldiers soldier. He loved the military and was always willing to help in anyway possible. He had a gift of gab and would talk to anyone. The last time I saw him was in RJ's and he talked as if we talked everyday. He will be sorely missed. Rest on soldier and we will be praying for the family.

Ronnie & Julia Sneed - December 02, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GD

“ Gerelene Fleming Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Gerelene Fleming Dixon - December 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM

AH

“ We offer sincere sympathy as we light a candle to honor the memory of our Dear Friend Brother Lyman Lewis Teele. Alton and Ella Harris



Alton Harris - December 02, 2020 at 03:29 PM

PC

“ Expressions of Sympathy to Mrs. Sylvia Teele and family. May God keep you in his care.



Patricia Cooper - December 02, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ James Hardy purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele.



James Hardy - December 02, 2020 at 12:58 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Brimmage-Sherod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Cathy Brimmage-Sherod - December 02, 2020 at 06:40 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 02, 2020 at 02:46 AM



May the Lord hold you close !

James Hardy - December 02, 2020 at 12:46 PM

CV

“ *Cliff & Jane Vereen purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele.*



Cliff & Jane Vereen - December 01, 2020 at 11:29 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Ben Wooten - December 01, 2020 at 09:00 PM

MF

“ *Mr. Heber L. Williams Jr and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele.*



Mr. Heber L. Williams Jr and Family - December 01, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *L lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



L - December 01, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Streater lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Carolyn Streater - December 01, 2020 at 07:17 PM

WE

“ Lyman and I served together over 40 years ago. I have not seen him for these years but I still remember him. Lyman was a man that you could depend on to get a job done. I remember him taking so much pride when he put that MP uniform on. He was an example that many of us should try to follow. I am proud to say that I knew him and I share in the pride that he took in serving his country. Lyman I salute you. It is my desire that your family can take a deep breath and know the kind of man you were. Heaven will wait for you with open arms. Rest in peace my friend, rest in peace. COL (Retired) Walter Ezzell

Walter Ezzell - December 01, 2020 at 06:19 PM

NT

Thank you so much for your kind words. He has spoken of you before.

Nikki Teele - December 02, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele.



December 01, 2020 at 04:33 PM

DT

“ DENNIS THIGPEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



DENNIS THIGPEN - December 01, 2020 at 04:16 PM

ST

Thank you

Sylvia Teele - December 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM

CM

“ *Sincere condolences to Lyman Teele's family. I first met him when we served together in the 514th Military Police Company. Rarely did I see him when he wasn't smiling during our weekend drills and annual training periods. Without question he was one of my favorite non-commissioned officers that I served with during my career. We could always count on him to accomplish any mission he was assigned. He will be missed by those of us who served alongside him. COL (ret) Emery Midyette, former Commander, 514th MP Co, NCARNG.*

COL (ret) Emery Midyette - December 01, 2020 at 03:14 PM

ST

Thank you for the kind remarks COL Midwestern. Lyman had talked with me recently concerning you. You were one of his favorites as well.

Sylvia Teele - December 02, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele.*



December 01, 2020 at 03:12 PM

BP

“ Our most sincere condolences and heart felt prayers are extended to the entire Teele Family! I had the golden fortune of knowing Lyman for over 45 years as a fellow soldier in the NC National Guard , but more importantly one whom I considered as a close comrade and genuine, personal friend. He and his "always" glaring smile will certainly be missed yet cherished in memories ahead. Thanks to the family for sharing such a fine man.

*May God Continue To Be With You,
CSM (Ret) Blaney & Lynda Parker 12/01/2020*

BLANEY PARKER - December 01, 2020 at 02:32 PM

AT

Thank Sooo Much For Being A True Friend To My Dad Mr. Blaney!!

Alysia Teele - December 03, 2020 at 11:48 PM

TB

“ Truly a man of God, you will be missed brother in-law. Always came with a smile and conversation..we love you lyman..joe and theresa



Theresa briggs - December 01, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ James And Juanita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



James and Juanita Anderson - December 01, 2020 at 01:39 PM

AT

One Of Da's Closest Friends!! Thank You!!

Alysia Teele - December 03, 2020 at 11:50 PM

AG

“ *Mr Lyman was a good man. Didn't meet no strangers. Will be greatly missed.*

Anthony Grimes

Anthony Grimes - December 01, 2020 at 12:09 PM

HB

“ *Your kind heart and smile will truly be missed and the time that I got my first job as a Security guard and you showed me the things to do and check and what to write down I would never forget 🍷🙏🍷 Praying for the Teele Family*



Harvette Brown - December 01, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ *Your kind heart and smile will truly be missed and the time I got my first job as a Security guard and you showed and told me the things to do and write down I will always remember 🍷🙏🍷 Prayers for Teele Family*



Harvette Brown - December 01, 2020 at 12:10 AM

BN

“ *Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Betty Nurse - November 30, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JM

“ *To the Teele Family, on behalf of my family, the McClauds, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Lyman. You are in our prayers! Sincere condolences!*

Jacquelyn McClaud - November 30, 2020 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ *Dianne Nelson Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Dianne Nelson Wilson - November 29, 2020 at 10:33 PM

SW

“ *Loved Lyman so good. We all loved to see him come in the office and talk. He will be missed by all who knew him. Love and prayers*

Suzanne Williamson - November 29, 2020 at 08:59 PM

PC

“ *Sincerest condolences and prayers to the family*



Pansy Taft-Butkowski , Hayward, CA - November 29, 2020 at 08:29 PM

MA

“ *Marsha lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Marsha - November 29, 2020 at 04:49 PM

KA

“ *Kaleb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Kaleb - November 29, 2020 at 03:28 PM

RC

“ *Ricky Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Ricky Council - November 29, 2020 at 01:57 PM

WC

“ *Walter Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Walter Council - November 29, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TR

“ *“Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal!”
Teresea Randolph
Winterville NC*

Teresea Randolph - November 29, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ *Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Jeffrey Savage - November 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Gayle Hardy - November 28, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Jeffrey Savage - November 28, 2020 at 02:43 PM

RC

“ We extend our deepest condolences to the Teele family on your lost. Truly Sarg will be missed for he was a true friend, brother, and comrade in arms. May God continue to bless and strengthen his family. A friend always Ricky and Paulinda Council

Ricky Council - November 28, 2020 at 01:23 PM

LS

“ Lea Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Lea Sparkman - November 28, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CC

“ Chardeene Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Chardeene Cox - November 28, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JD

“Joyce Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Joyce Daniels - November 28, 2020 at 07:24 AM

DP

“Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Donna Pierce - November 28, 2020 at 07:07 AM

GB

“Gloria Brewington-Person lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele



Gloria Brewington-Person - November 27, 2020 at 09:54 PM

KA

“We miss you uncle Lyman in rip

Kaleb - November 27, 2020 at 05:56 PM

MH

“ *Margaret W Hassell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Margaret W Hassell - November 27, 2020 at 03:49 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Sandra Boyd - November 27, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Patricia Clemons - November 27, 2020 at 12:51 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - November 27, 2020 at 12:09 PM

PB

My deepest condolences to the Teele family. .

Phyllis Blount - December 02, 2020 at 08:35 PM

MJ

“ *Muriel Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Muriel Jones - November 27, 2020 at 09:49 AM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lyman Lewis Teele*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - November 27, 2020 at 07:43 AM