



## Mr. David Michael Lyons

February 12, 1971 - November 15, 2018

David Michael Lyons, 47, of Lakeland, Florida, born in Chicago, Illinois on February 12, 1971, entered into eternal rest on November 15, 2018. He was a 47 year survivor of Cystic Fibrosis and a 12 year double lung transplant survivor. He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, canoeing and hiking. David liked to ride his Harley out in the country and explore the back roads. He was also a skilled NRA marksman. He was preceded in death by his father Richard J. Lyons. He is survived by his wife, Marcy Sawyer Lyons; mother, Margaret A. Lyons; step-daughters, Brookelyn and Hailey; 4 siblings, Mary K. Calawa (Martin), Richard J. Lyons, Jr. (Kathleen), Kimberly A. Cullen (Andrew), and Susan M. Lyons (Christopher Schultz); godmother, Kathleen G. Rupp; 10 nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family; and beloved dog Daisy. A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 19 at 11:00 AM at First Alliance Church, 1919 E. Edgewood Dr., Lakeland, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM. Private committal in Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to University of Florida- Shands Hospital, Department of Patient and Family Resources, P.O. Box 100306, Gainesville, FL 32610. Make checks payable to Southeastern Healthcare Foundation, and indicate Stevens Clark Memorial Adult Lung Transplant Fund #2960 in the memo line. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Alliance Church  
1919 E Edgewood Dr  
Lakeland, FL 33803

## Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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1919 E Edgewood Dr  
Lakeland, FL 33803

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Michael Lyons



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 17, 2018 at 02:24 PM

JS

*My condolences to the Lyons family. When we met he instantly had a Prismatic outgoing zest for life. David and I got married we had some amazing great times and loved each other very much. But we also encountered rocky roads and turbulence and separated. I've seen David many many times when I was shopping in Publix and we exchanged great conversation about each other and how our lives had turned out. We both cried and hugged each other and told each other that we loved each other no matter what and that he was proud for me for entering the rooms of recovery. He told me one thing was for sure that the greatest gift that he got was the opportunity to be a father and to watch and to help his family. I am very happy that David got to experience the joy of children. I will always love David in a way that will always be in my heart and I also loved his mother and his family as well. I can remember times when we sat on the floor in the house and Imperial lakes and laughed and laughed and laughed just over silly things.*

Julie Smith - November 21, 2018 at 09:18 AM

JS

*I wish peace for him at this time I know he struggled a lot and he was such a fighter and I'm glad that he had more than most would ever imagine and his battles I will forever love David he is special to me and always will be.*

Julie Smith - November 21, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Dave, we had so many great conversations, and laughs You loved your family, friends, and freedom. When we see each other agsin I want you to teach me how to ride. I miss you very much David*

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**Peter Murtha** - November 18, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sorry prayers to you all*

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**Dave Vannoy** - November 18, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Prayers for Marcy and the family. David was a fun and loving guy. I will truly miss his Facebook jokes.He is out of pain now and watching over Macy and the girls of course after a nice ride on the streets made of gold.*

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**Jeffro Cotten** - November 18, 2018 at 07:05 PM

AE

“ We haven't known David as long as some, but were blessed to become neighbors about 5 1/2 years ago. We've always enjoyed his neighborly friendliness and humor, and it would always be a good day to get a running greeting from Daisy, his faithful, four- legged pal, and enjoy a chat with David and Marcy. Even through the hard-fought struggles of David's illness, he and Marcy displayed an attitude of "do what you need to do, and thank the Lord for another day." It's been a blessing to be part of their lives, and that will be greatly missed here, but very much looked forward to when we leave the earthly sadness and grief and enjoy that heavenly family reunion that awaits! We're happy for David that he is enjoying full, pain-free breaths of heaven! Fight well-fought, our brother-- be blessed with rest, peace, and greater life and freedom than you could have ever imagined. Much, much love, prayers, and continued support for Marcy and family.❤️

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**Alan & Keira Ehler** - November 18, 2018 at 07:00 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David Michael Lyons.



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November 17, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - November 17, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ *David loved his family, his friends, and his pets but he also loved his motorcycle and to go riding as a tribute to Dave if you ride please come with your motorcycle when you come to pay your respects to save and his family*

**Ralph Trotta** - November 17, 2018 at 12:10 PM



*Correction: come to pay your respects to Dave and his family...*

**Ralph Trotta** - November 17, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Love, The Hillebrand (Maureen Lyons) Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. David Michael Lyons.*



**Love, The Hillebrand (Maureen Lyons) Family** - November 16, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David Michael Lyons.*



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November 16, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David Michael Lyons.*



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November 16, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ *I'm so so sorry for your loss Marcy, Mrs Lyons, girls and family. I've known Dave for 18 years when we met at Marriott where we both worked. We've always been the greatest of friends and he was a wonderful genuinely awesome friend. He loved and bragged about his family. Nothing he wouldn't do for them. I know he is finally breathing and has escaped this horrible disease CF!! Please know that he was truly loved by many and will be missed. I love you a Dave. Rest easy and fly high in Heaven. Go ride with my dad. He LOVED riding as much as you did! ❤️ Forever in our hearts! ❤️*

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**Melissa Porter** - November 16, 2018 at 04:33 PM

RM

“ My friend David hopped on his motorcycle this morning and tossed his oxygen tanks and surgical masks to the curb. He is now running up the steps full throttle to the Gates that will no doubt be wide open for him.

*Hard to put into words describing this fine young man, except that I got out of him much wisdom. It does not matter how long you live, but how much life you can pack into it...just be sure not to over pack so you can carry it and still be able to breathe.*

*Ride it hard and ride it loud my friend, because you can. ....your tolls have all been paid in full.*

*Rest in peace David Lyons you were a true warrior and will always remain one of my heroes....*

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**Richard Maass** - November 16, 2018 at 02:53 PM

JM

*I met David and Marcy at our home church.. I did not know then what an impact both would have on my life.*

*I remember when I was taking college algebra and was having much difficulty with getting the answers so I posted on fb the questions about 10 min later was a message from David with all the answers in complete steps on how to do them.. what took me days took him minutes.*

*His wife has been a warrior and a blessing to me! Her sharing every step of their cf life has been moving to say the least!*

*David you will be missed by many and loved by all.*

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**JoAnna Mongold** - November 16, 2018 at 03:53 PM

LJ

*I will miss that great sense of humor David had. The many post he would share with me. I am beyond humbled by the life David lived and all that Marcy shared. A true warrior - both David and Marcy. Rest easy David.*

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**Lori Jenkins** - November 16, 2018 at 04:11 PM

RT

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**RALPH TROTTA** - November 16, 2018 at 01:45 PM