



## Francis Lynn Luallen

July 21, 1937 - May 12, 2026

Francis Lynn Luallen passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026. He was born in Paris, Kentucky to Wilford and Frances Luallen. Lynn is survived by his wife, Crit Luallen, and children Scott Luallen (Amber), Mary Lynne Roach (Ronnie), J.P. Luallen and grandchildren Phillip Luallen, Embry Luallen Alex Luallen, Ben Luallen, Wesley Roach, Elee Roach, and Lola Luallen.

Lynn joined the Air Force as a teenager and returned to attend Transylvania University where he graduated in 1964.

Lynn truly had a servant's heart, his every action defined by humility and selflessness. He began his career in public service working in the office of Governor Julian Carroll. He went on to develop a remarkable career in the public arena focused on providing affordable housing for those who couldn't otherwise afford safe and decent homes.

He was the founding director of the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), the state's housing finance agency, which he was appointed to lead by Governor Carroll. He served as Executive Director of KHC under Governors Carroll, Martha Layne Collins, Brereton Jones and Paul Patton.

Lynn also served as Kentucky State Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under President Bill Clinton. He left

his mark in Louisville as well, joining Mayor Jerry Abramson to establish the Louisville Housing Development Corporation and later The Housing Partnership where he served two stints as its President.

Lynn was also instrumental in establishing the Federation of Appalachian Housing, a consortium of over 50 member organizations that works to provide affordable housing and community development across Appalachia. He served as its President, on its Board of Directors and in later years as an advisor and consultant.

Lynn was nationally recognized for his leadership in affordable housing, serving two terms as President of the National Council of State Housing Agencies, and as its Vice President and Secretary. He Served on the Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, The Fannie Mae Housing Impact Advisory Council and the National Association of Housing Partnerships Board.

The array of awards and recognition Lynn received is testament to the wide impact of his work. They include the Distinguished Service Award from Transylvania University, a Lifetime Achievement Award named in his honor from the Kentucky Housing Corporation, and leadership awards from The Louisville Housing Partnership, the Kentucky Affordable Housing Association and the Home Builders Association.

His work secured a better quality of life for thousands of Kentucky families and he was happiest when he was cutting a ribbon on a new home with those families. But his work impacted the state in other ways. He was especially proud of the Renaissance Kentucky program that he led under Governor Patton that improved the downtowns of nearly 100 small cities in Kentucky and the financing of Recovery Kentucky facilities across the state that continue to provide residential drug treatment services. He was also so proud of his staff

and served as an important mentor to many who went on to make their own valuable contributions.

The defining characteristic of Lynn's life was his kind and generous spirit. He had a sweet soul with caring and positive support for everyone he touched. The loves of his life were his wife of 45 years, Crit, and his wonderful children and grandchildren. He also cared deeply for brothers-in-law Sam, Jakie and Bobby Blackburn, his numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, his many dear friends, his colleagues in the housing community and his 1948 Massey-Ferguson tractor.

Lynn's loving and gentle nature was felt by so many and he leaves behind a powerful legacy. He will live on in our hearts and in the lives of the many Kentucky families he touched.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 18, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 4:00 p.m. at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home in Frankfort.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky, to support their research into Alzheimer's Disease. Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, 2199 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, KY. 40504

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
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# Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Being out of town I am just now hearing of Lynn's death. I am so very sad and send deepest sympathy to his family and friends. I loved Lynn and enjoyed his company and our professional relationship. He leaves a powerful legacy and we could all learn from the lessons his life taught.*

Viola Miller - May 31 at 03:31 PM

CE

“ *So sorry for your loss! Praying for comfort and peace for your family!*



Cheri L Evins - May 20 at 04:59 PM

DD

“ *A great person he is. Peace be with all his family and friends.*

David Dutschke - May 19 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ *Crit, I am so sorry to hear. Lynn and my dad were great friends (well, I was Lynn's friend too!) and they had great times together. I'm sorry I unable to get to the service today although I am sure thinking about you and remebering Lynn. He gave so much to Kentucky and will long be remembered, as is made so clear in these tributes posted here.*

*Former Cong Mike Ward*

Mike Ward - May 18 at 09:45 PM

PP

“ Ms.Crit, I am so sorry to hear about this. You are in my thoughts. I was fortunate to meet you and your husband many years ago at the University of Kentucky. Pearl Peterson



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**Pearl Elizabeth Peterson** - May 18 at 04:35 PM

SD

“ Such a great leader and an even better person. His work with housing for the least of these was transformative and impacted so many people. Our sympathy and prayers for Crit and the family.

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**Steve and Cheryl Dooley** - May 18 at 11:22 AM

KM

“ Lynn believed in me, knew what kind of person I was, and gave me a leg up not a hand out as they say, while working at KHC. He was instrumental in my participation in many a Habitat for Humanity work site, while I didn't even know I liked construction, he believed in me and gave me a chance. I did 17 total JCWP and local habitat builds, even lead a women's build, and ventured alone to South Korea with KHC sponsorship for a Jimmy Carter Work Project, all because he introduced me to Habitat and the mutual mission of KHC, safe affordable housing. I'll never forget him, he was a kind person to all of us, he will be sorely missed. Hugs to Crit and Family, my deepest condolences.

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**Karen Smith Morganti** - May 18 at 09:58 AM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Harrod Brothers Funeral Home** - May 18 at 08:09 AM



“ *Crit, My heart is reaching out to you in sympathy and prayer. May time and the love the two of you shared bring you peace.*

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**Sarah Liebman** - May 17 at 10:19 AM

RF

“ I am Robert Walsh Fister, I was born near Lexington Ky To Mary Walsh Fister and Herbert Joseph Fister. My mother had one sister, Her name was Frances Walsh who married Wilford Luallen. To this Union was born a son, Frances Lynn born 21 July 1937. I am Lynn's 1st Cousin, I was born May 6 1941. The other members of Lynn's and my family have all departed this World. I kept track of Lynn as much as possible, The last time I had contact with Lynn was in the fall of 2025 at his Home Along with his Special Wife Crit. I am (very) sad to hear about His passing. It is so sad to realize that now that Lynn is gone from our lives it makes me think more of caring about family, friends and others that we care for.. Be Kind to people, Be nice to people. Life can be short. Bob Fister

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**Robert Walsh Fister** - May 16 at 11:40 AM

NH

“ Lynn changed my life by giving me a purpose I didn't see coming. I know he did this for countless others by seeing our potential and sharing his passion for housing. I am so thankful to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love, Natalie Hutcheson Harris

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**Natalie H Harris** - May 16 at 11:06 AM

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“ Dear Crit and Family. Condolences on Lynn's passing. I am making a gift to the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky in his memory. RIP Lynn.

*Sending with love, Nancy Rose Osborne*

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**Nancy Rose Osborne** - May 15 at 02:22 PM

DE

“ *Connie and I extend our sincere condolences, Crit. Lynn’s life of service to our Commonwealth was a wonderful gift to us all. We pray that he will rest in peace and that his memory may be a blessing to you and your family.*

*Dan Egbers*

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**Dan Egbers** - May 15 at 12:51 PM

BM

“ *Crit Janie and I send our sympathies to you and all your family.. Bob McQueen*

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**Bob McQueen** - May 15 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ *Lynn touched so many people in so many ways. We cannot express enough his impact on our lives, both as a friend and mentor. RIP*

*Prayers and thoughts to the family*

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**Jan and Bob Murphy** - May 15 at 10:40 AM

PP

“*Lynne’s dedication and stewardship to The Commonwealth of Kentucky is unmatched. He had an innate “knack” for developing people skills and building teamwork within any organization, and was a natural at developing trust to help other’s succeed. A true Kentucky gentleman and statesman whose character was never compromised.*

*He’ll be missed by many. I’m thinking of Crit and his extended family at this time 🙏.*

*Sincerely,*

*Philip Perry  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*

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**Philip Perry** - May 15 at 10:06 AM

SM

*Lynn always made one feel welcome or feel special when in his presence. In my job as a state photographer I had occasion to see him often, it was always a pleasant experience. Sorry for your loss Crit.*

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**Steve Mitchell** - May 16 at 12:18 PM

WA

*I attended Transylvania University with Lynn between 1961 and 1964, when he graduated. I enjoyed visiting with the family when they frequently visited the Bluegrass Scenic Railroad. Crit my friend, my sincere condolences go out to you and your family at this time of your loss. Lynn has truly left a positive mark on the Commonwealth, and helped many people along the way. God bless and keep you all.*

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**Winfrey Adkins** - May 17 at 08:29 AM

KT

*Crit, Thinking of you and your family. I am so sorry. Karen Jones Thompson*

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**Karen Jones Thompson** - May 18 at 10:49 AM