



John Edward Lykins Sr.

March 25, 1935 - September 6, 2019

John Edward Lykins, Sr., son of Lavada Mae Lykins Stone and Kermit Lykins left us to join his daughter, Jan Lewis Lykins and many family members on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Services for Mr. Lykins will be held at First Baptist Church, St. Clair on Friday, September 13, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Keith Felton officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until the service at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Lykins was born in Lewis County, Kentucky on March 25, 1935. He will be fondly remembered for his tenures as Head Basketball Coach at both Frankfort High School and Franklin County High School. During his long career in basketball, he was a scout and Assistant Coach at the University of Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp, served as an Assistant Coach under Bob Davis at Auburn University from 1973 until 1977 and Head Coach at Kentucky State University 1982-1983. He also served on the staff of Team USA Men's Basketball in the 1983 World Games.

After his coaching days, he enjoyed business ventures as the owner and publisher of Collegiate Sports History Publications and partner in Omelet Shoppe restaurants.

John is survived by his wife Barbara Lewis Lykins, son, John Lykins, Jr. (Laura) and daughter Carole Lykins Jarvis (Les); grandchildren, Matthew Jarvis (Christine), Brett Jarvis, Sarah Grace Lykins, Mary Catherine Lykins, Jenny Caroline Lykins; and great grandson, Isaac Wellington Jarvis.

In addition to his parents and daughter, he was preceded in death by his brother, Clayton G. Lykins.

Flowers are welcome and expressions of sympathy may be sent to First Baptist Church, 201 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or Emerald Coast Hospice, 5111 North 12th Avenue B, Pensacola, FL 32504.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church St. Clair
201 St. Clair Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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201 St. Clair Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Lykins Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My condolences to the Lykins family. It's been many years but I fondly remember the great times my parents shared with Coach Lykins & his wife Barbara. A wonderful man, mentor, husband, father and grandfather. May the Lord comfort and protect those grieving his earthly absence but find reassurance in his eternal life.*
Kathy Kickliter Crofts

Kathy Crofts - September 14, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ *I remember John as a fierce competitor when he played basketball for Georgetown College and I was playing for Berea College. We matched strategy when we both became high school coaches. He coached at Franklin County and I was coach of Scott County. He was so tough to coach against! After our coaching careers we became very good friends. He was a gentleman and always treated me with the greatest respect. So glad to say that he was successful at all of his endeavors. He was my friend and he will be missed.*
RIP!

Everette Varney

Everette Varney - September 12, 2019 at 03:00 PM

AU

“ Barbara, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Praying for your strength, comfort, and God's sustaining power during this time and the days ahead. It's been many years since we've talked, but you are always in my thoughts. I cherish the times we spent together at Georgetown. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Augusta

Augusta - September 12, 2019 at 02:51 PM



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Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - September 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM

RW

“ John was one of the kindest men I have ever known. Dave and I both feel blessed to have had the privilege of knowing him. Sympathy to all of his family and friends.

Ruth Ann Willis

Ruth Ann Willis - September 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM

CS

“ Carol, I was very sorry to learn of your father’s passing. I remember him being such a great basketball coach at Frankfort High in the late 70’s - early 80’s when I was there. My father died last October so I know what a massive void the loss of a beloved father creates; I also know what a devoted daughter you were. My thoughts are with you and Les and your entire family. Sending sympathy, Cary Kemper Smith

Cary Kemper Smith - September 11, 2019 at 09:32 PM

MS

“ Playing basketball for Coach Lykins at FCHS is one of the most formative experiences of my life. So many memories. I’m glad I got to see him two years ago at our reunion. I know he enjoyed that evening.

Mike Strange. - September 11, 2019 at 11:46 AM

CS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending love to the family.
Chrissy Snead

Chrissy Snead - September 11, 2019 at 07:46 AM

ES

“ Played some baseball with John in Lewis County in the 1950’s. Sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to his family.

Eldon Secrest - September 10, 2019 at 06:55 PM

SH

“ *RIP Coach Lykins! Thanks for being a part of my high school life! I played for u at FCHS IN 1965/1966! A tough but fair man!*



Scotty Harrod - September 10, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SB

Carole, Today (June 14, 2023) my mother and I were reflecting on both our times in Girl Scouts and your name came up. We remembered how inseparable you and I were when Ford transferred my dad to Frankfort when I was in third to fifth grades. I reflected on how fun and kind your parents were and how I loved being at your house. I Googled Lykins/Frankfort and was saddened to learn about the loss of your wonderful father. I am happy to see you have three children. Sending love to you and your family and your mother and brother, Sherry (Engelhardt) Brooks. California, SherryBrooks@me.com

Sherry Brooks - June 14, 2023 at 10:06 PM