

Ralph L. (Abe) Lincoln



Ralph L. ("Abe") Lincoln, Jr., age 88, passed way peacefully on March 30, 2023 after a brief illness. Abe was born in Marion, VA to Ralph L Lincoln and Sarah Richardson Lincoln and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Abe lived his adult life in Kingsport after marrying Margaret ("Peg") Church of Glade Spring, VA.

Abe enjoyed a career that allowed him to travel and make many new friends before retiring from Eastman Chemical in 1994. Abe was involved in many civic and special interest organizations, including the Kiwanis Club, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Johnson City Power Squadron, and the Mogul Mashers. He was a founding member of the Cosmopolitan Kiwanis club and maintained over 60 years perfect attendance. He served as the former Chairman of the Sullivan County Republican Party and was an active participant of the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the Board of Directors of the Sequoyah Council and serving as the Scout Master of the Palmer Center Boy Scout Troop. In recognition of his years of service, the Boy Scouts of America honored Abe with the Silver Beaver Award.

Abe was an active member of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, where he previously served as an Elder and led the Maintenance Committee. Abe loved his church family and gave countless hours to maintaining and updating his beloved church, performing his ministry with an overflowing toolbox and a big smile. Abe was known by all as the ultimate handyman who could design, build, and repair anything and everything. He never called a repairman and had every tool needed for woodworking, plumbing, or electrical repair, and was always ready to help the church or a neighbor in need.

Abe lived every day to the fullest and loved meeting people and traveling the world. After his retirement, Abe traveled to Nepal, Egypt, Antarctica, China, Africa, The Holy Land, the Amazon River, and celebrated his granddaughters' college graduations with trips to Alaska and Hawaii.

Abe's pride and joy was the lake house he designed and built along with his sons in the early '70's. Abe had a love of all things nostalgic, including materials and furniture, and built the cabin with brick floors made of bricks taken from old sidewalks from his home town of Marion, Virginia, a stone fireplace built with stones from an old family farmhouse, and filled with antiques that each had a story.

Abe loved his family and was very involved in his granddaughters' lives, making homemade biscuits and waffles on weekends, taking them on boat rides on Boone lake, and enjoying annual trips to Hilton Head and Dollywood. He was incredibly proud of his granddaughters, and they loved to spend time with him and make him laugh. "Poppie" was an ever-present figure at the dinner table for every holiday or family and was known for his compliments because every meal was "the best he'd ever tasted. Cheers!"

Abe was preceded in death by wife Margaret "Peg" Lincoln in 2022 and son Ralph L. "Abe" Lincoln III in 2021. Abe leaves his son Robert Lincoln (Robin), granddaughters Claire Lincoln Cross (Grant Cross) of Knoxville, Paige Lincoln of Nashville, and daughter-in-law Melissa Lincoln (Abe III) of Richmond.

A Celebration of the Life of **Ralph L. (Abe) Lincoln** 11 · 2 · 1934 to 3 · 30 · 2023



April 3, 2023

6:00pm

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for
Ralph L. (Abe) Lincoln

PRELUDE

SEATING OF FAMILY

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 450** “Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy whose loving – kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we have cared for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us Christ.

Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HOMILY

***HYMN 465** “What a Friend we Have in Jesus”

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

***COMMENDATION**

***BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Minister: Rev. Collin Blair Adams
Accompanist: Eileen Butler

**Those who are able, please stand*