



Graydon Ira Lose

July 12, 1932 - September 19, 2019

Graydon Ira Lose (deceased September 19, 2019) was born in the small Pennsylvania town of Middleburg on July 12, 1932. He was the only child of Ira Lose and Margaret Kline Lose. His father, a World War I veteran, was a school teacher and then an elected County official, who died when Graydon was five years old. His mother died in 1977.

Graydon received a BS degree from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA in 1954. He did graduate work in management at Temple University and was awarded the MBA degree from American University in 1967. Graydon served in the United States Army and was assigned to Taegu, South Korea.

Graydon married Jacqueline Poe Lose in 1977 and has three stepsons, Jim, Don, and Jeff - seven grandchildren, James, Chris, Loren, Chelsea, Peri, Breckenridge, & Bryce - three great grandchildren, Jack, Shelby, & Charlotte.

Graydon began his Federal career with the United States Army Audit Agency in Baltimore. He then joined the Comptroller's office of Middletown Air Material Area at Olmstead Air Base in Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington in 1962. He subsequently held various financial management positions with Bunker-Ramo Corporation, NASA Headquarters, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), and in 1974, he became the Special Assistant to the Assistant

Secretary of Defense and handled liaison with the Congress on budget and fiscal matters. He retired from that position in 1987 with 31 years of Federal service.

Graydon was awarded the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award with Bronze Palm and the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service.

Graydon was a very active and dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, serving as assistant director and director of the Adult 2 Sunday School department for ten years. He has served as a Deacon, member and chairman of the Missions Commission, chairman of the search committee for a minister of education, member of the property committee, nominating committee, and the 200th anniversary committee.

Graydon was a member of Lodge #619, Free and Accepted Masons, Middleburg, PA, Defense Department Coin ppl Club (president - two years), and has done volunteer work at the Alexandria Hospital, ALIVE, and the American Red Cross.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302, Attn: Paving the Way.

Previous Events

Gathering

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Graydon Ira Lose*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I only knew Grayson for a few years, but enjoyed my visits. It was such a pleasure to know such a nice Christian man. He enjoyed my pimento cheese that I would take him.*

Fran Suter - September 28, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ *Grady was a genuine gentleman and serious scholar. He was a good friend and professional colleague in every way. He was a chiropractors dream patient and a big believer in getting regular adjustments. One memory stands out to me. He took a son on a camping trip to Normandy to visit the site of the D-Day invasion. When they returned, he proudly told me all about the adventure and how much it meant to him. His demeanor reflected the afterglow of a very happy man full of unforgettable memories of time well spent.*

May he Rest in Eternal Peace. He was a mighty good man.

Joe Friedl

Joe Friedl - September 24, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Graydon's passing. Although I don't recall ever meeting him, my dear Grandma (Jean Kline Cechman - Graydon's cousin) always, always spoke very fondly of him. I have the privilege of caring for several family heirlooms which Graydon so kindly passed on to my Grandma, and as I cherish the memory of those who once held them, I also have thought of Graydon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sorrowful time. And please know I'm sure my Grandma will be one of the first in line to welcome him to his new home in Heaven.

With Love,
Tisa Cernovsky and Family
(Tana's daughter)

Tisa Cernovsky - September 24, 2019 at 07:21 PM

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“ A Courtly and Intelligent Man Whose Demeanor and Manners Were Those of Another Age - The Edwardian Era! RIP...

Geoff & Eve Lyon

GEOFFREY LYON - September 24, 2019 at 03:17 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Lose family. RIP Grady, you were a great boss and mentor.

bob dorosz - September 22, 2019 at 04:49 PM