



## Dr. Horace Bryant Lyons

July 4, 1967 - March 1, 2018

Dr. Horace Bryant "Junior" Lyons, 50, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2018, at his home in Oxford, MS. Visitation will be Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Coleman Funeral Home. A funeral service will immediately follow at 12:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home. Rev. Casey Coston will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Lyons was born in Houston, TX. Throughout his life, Dr. Lyons received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, a Masters Degree in Sociology, and a Doctorate Degree in Criminology. Dr. Lyons was professor at Mississippi Valley State University, and he also taught at Sam Houston State University, the University of Houston, and The University of Texas. He was a professor who was passionate about encouraging others in their education and mentoring others to be the best they could be. Dr. Lyons also was fascinated by anything to do with politics and news. He enjoyed traveling, watching "Jeopardy," and listening to country music in his free time.

Dr. Lyons leaves behind his wife, Julie Lyons of Oxford; two sons, Samuel Lyons of St. Louis, MO, and Joseph Lyons, of Oxford; one daughter, Jessica Lyons of Oxford; five brothers, Robert (Gloretha) Lyons, John Elder (Venus) Lyons, Louis Lyons, Eugene Lyons, and Ivary (Cassandra) Lyons, all of Houston; two sisters, Scharron Florence and Eltee Lyons, both of Houston;

one honorary grandson, Immanuel Zuppardo of Oxford; and a host of uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Dr. Lyons was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Westmoreland; one nephew, Scott Lyons; and his best friend, Eric Williams.

Donations and memorials in honor of Dr. Horace Bryant Lyons may be made to the Christian Relief Fund (P.O. Box 19670, Amarillo, TX 79114).

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
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info@colemanfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Coleman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Dr. Lyons.

Coleman Funeral Home - March 13, 2018 at 05:52 PM

LS

“ To the Lyons family, I am more than sorry for your loss. I know that your dad meant a lot to each of you. So sorry to see such a great man go. I am thinking and praying for each of you knowing that time will heal.



Laura Shields - March 10, 2018 at 11:25 AM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy go out to the family. To Horace, one of my dearest friend. He passed on much wisdom to me that I will carry with me the rest of my life. One of his favorite phases was “The world is a classroom”, if you are willing to reach for it.  
In loving memory,

Michele in New York

Michele Braman - March 08, 2018 at 07:31 PM

CW

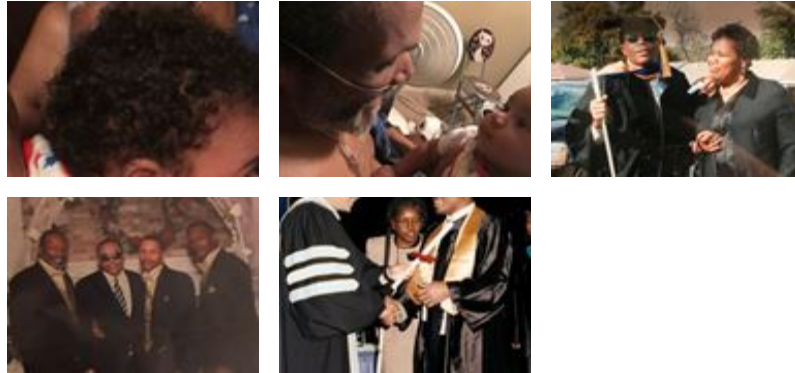
“ Carolyn Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Horace Bryant Lyons



Carolyn Williams - March 08, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Coleman Funeral Home** - March 07, 2018 at 05:05 PM

DL

*I extend my condolences to the family of Dr. Horace Lyons. It was such a joy working with him at Mississippi Valley State University. May God continue to keep you in His loving care.*

*Tazinski Lee*

**Dr. Tazinski Lee** - March 08, 2018 at 12:12 PM

RL

*We share our love with you at this time over such a great loss to your family and pray for you in the coming days that you may be comforted.  
Rick and Penny laing*

**Rick Laing** - March 10, 2018 at 12:28 PM

JR

*So Sorry For The Families Loss. I Went To School With Horace In Montgomery Texas. Montgomery High School. I Often Wondered What Had Come Of Him For Several Years. I'm So Proud That He Accomplished Alot In Life. He Was Such An Amazing Person In School. Rest In Peace Dr. Horace Lyons.*

**Jennifer Raglin** - June 15, 2018 at 12:27 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - March 07, 2018 at 10:15 AM

KS

“ *KFONE Customer Service purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Horace Bryant Lyons.*



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**KFONE Customer Service** - March 05, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Horace Bryant Lyons.*



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March 02, 2018 at 02:11 PM

“ There's not enough kind words that I can say about Junior. We met in the Summer of 1984 at The Texas School for the Blind (TSB) in Austin, Texas and became quick, inseparable friends and roommates while at TSB. The Paul McCartney/Stevie Wonder tune "Ebony & Ivory" was popular then and we played up being Paul & Stevie. As roomies, we'd take turns listening to music to fall asleep to. He wasn't so much into the 80's hair metal that I was into; think he was way fonder of Air Supply than I was. When it was either one's turn at the radio, we'd jubilantly blurt and boisterously laugh "it's my night!!!"



There are other pranks and silly things (togas at the Braille Rally, faking a step up or down) that teens typically do (stories better told than written for plausible deniability) and we were no different. Growing up, he wanted to be a lawyer but didn't become one though he got a degree in criminal justice. He wasn't the type of man that took no for an answer, didn't quit and didn't say the words I can't.

A B.A wasn't enough as Junior was so tenacious that he got his Doctorate in Criminal Justice (I'd call him Dr. Jr.)! My hat is tipped to those that achieve that level of higher education as our lives are challenging enough let alone being blind. He used a wheelchair and required oxygen as we got older because of medical issues yet he fought the good fight and got that Phd; taught at Mississippi Valley State University. I asked him why he pursued the doctorate and he said that he wanted to set the example for his kids!

We haven't seen each other in years but we always stayed in contact, always picking up where we left off, reminiscing and laughing our tails off. Some of us are at an age that we have more yesterdays than tomorrows. It's my hope and prayer that anyone reading this considers turning to Christ for a loving everlasting life where we can spend an eternity with the Lord & those that accepted Him.

*Some of us may have thought or said poor Junior passed on when the reality is it's poor us as we have to continue on without him. I'm sad for us...sad for me but I'm thankful he's free from hurting...Not to be cliché, but in instances like this please reach out to a loved one...a spouse, your kid/s...an old friend you grew up with and cherish your time.*

*I've loved and missed you old friend and will continue to until I get called home. In the meantime, turn on the radio..."it's your night".*

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**Roland Perez** - March 02, 2018 at 01:45 PM