



Date of Birth  
**Nov 01, 2016**

Date of Passing  
**Jan 07, 2016**

## **Lynn Lary Sakel**

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Lynn Lary Sakel, 80, died peacefully on November 7, 2016, in his home in DeMotte, Indiana. He is survived by his wife Tracie; his stepson, Edward (Brenda) Cummings and step daughters Cheri (John) Tuinstra and Patty (Clarence) Oudman; nine grandchildren who referred to him as "Grandpa Lary" and 14 great-grandchildren who referred to him as "Papa Lary." Lary was preceded in death by his parents Maurice and Octavia "Peg" Sakel and by his first wife Mary Francis Cummings Sakel. Lary was born on Nov. 24, 1935, in Red Bay, Alabama, but spent his formative years in and around Stendal, Indiana, where he graduated from high school. He attended Evansville College where he played basketball before transferring to Florida Southern from where he graduated. He later received a Master's Degree from Indiana State University. Lary was a social studies teacher and basketball coach at Plainville and Freelandville, Indiana.

In 1963 he moved to DeMotte where he taught social studies at DeMotte High School and then Kankakee Valley High School until his retirement in 1998. While teaching, Lary continued his quest for learning, receiving a correspondence law degree from Blackstone School of Law and then studying for and achieving status as a licensed minister in the United Church of Christ. He used his legal education by serving as Town Judge in DeMotte. He also served as Pastor of the St. Luke's UCC church in San Pierre, Indiana. He was Chaplain of the DeMotte Police and also Oak Grove Retirement Village in DeMotte. He performed many marriages and funeral services for his many friends and their families in the DeMotte area. Lary will be remembered as a well-known story teller who also enjoyed singing songs with his own melodies. He was a wonderful husband to Mary and Tracie, best man and mentor to Ed, and a loving grandfather. He had a strong Christian faith with compassion and concern for all. Lary attended the First Christian Reformed Church and was a member of the Gideon's International and the DeMotte Ministerial Association. Friends may visit with the family at the First Christian Reformed Church on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at the First Christian Church in DeMotte with Pastor Laryn Zoerhof officiating. Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery in Freelandville. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Gideon's International or to the DeMotte Christian School. To send flowers or share a memory with the Sakel family, please visit the website at [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com)

## Memories of Lynn

