



Virgil Lee Wyrick

June 5, 1940 - November 28, 2025

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85 years old

Virgil passed away in his home Friday, November 28th, 2025, after battling cancer. He fought bravely to continue taking care of his daughters, Kim and Karen. He was also prepared and eager to meet his Heavenly Father and be reunited with his beloved wife Wilma for eternity.

Virgil was born in Sweetwater to Mary Ellen and Lee Wyrick. He graduated from Sweetwater High School and soon after began working at Bowater Paper Corporation. He retired after forty-two years of dedicated service. He also served in the US Army National Guard for five years.

After marrying Wilma in 1962, they built their home in Sweetwater and later in the Old Sweetwater Community. Virgil and Wilma were dedicated to working hard and taking care of Kim (Kevin) and Karen and later, their grandchildren. Maribeth (Christopher), Anna (Patrick), Kyle (Skylar), Joseph, Ella, Boyd and Jude. They loved their children deeply and contributed to their lives in all ways. Their home was open to each of them all day, every day. Unconditional love, homecooked meals, car repairs, and always a safe place to land at Granddaddy and Grandmama's, no matter what.

Virgil was known to many due to living in the same community his entire life. He knew the town's history well and was a vast resource to all in terms of recounting it. He enjoyed regularly volunteering at the Sweetwater Museum and provided a bit of living history himself if you visited on his day.

Virgil, W4OLJ, was well-known and respected in the Ham Radio world with friends far and wide across the nation and around the globe. He inherited that gift from his dad and grew it to the extent of engineering his own local radio station. Virgil and Wilma traveled throughout the years to many Ham Festivals, took the girls, and together made life-long friends in the Ham Radio world.

Virgil loved old tractors and had a beautiful collection. He and Wilma were faithful members and leaders in the Fenders' Tractor Club. They treasured the hard work put into the events with their Fenders' Family; Popeye, Roy, Tim, Karen, Preston, Yvonne, Terry, Kathy, Ricky, Randy, Levi, Rachel, Nathan, Jimmy, Nancy, and The Daris Richesin Family to name a few.

Kim and Karen also want to mention their Dad's family; Aunt Margie, Herbert, Tammy, Teeter, Diane, Chuck, Seco, Starling Gale, Darrell, and Taylor whom he loved dearly along with special family friends; Edna, Larry, Johnny, Bob W. Bob C., Fred, Marylu, Bobby, Carrie, Cam, Mel and the Hams on the Net.

Virgil grew up in the North Baptist Church and during his and Wilma's later years, they became faithful members of Sweetwater Methodist Church.

Virgil will be deeply missed by his two daughters, family, and friends. He cherished his family; without fail, he always told you he loved you and to be careful more than once when you were saying goodbye for the day.

When Virgil met someone, he would shake your hand and say, “proud to know you”. Virgil Wyrick was someone anyone would be proud to know, and you could set your watch by him.

Kim and Karen want to thank their Kyker’s Family, Rev. Mike Jones, Rev. Bill Wilson, Judy Blair Wilson, Doug Richesin and those at Thompson Proton Center and Adoration who provided care to him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Thompson Proton Center, or Fenders’ Tractor Club.

In the Amateur Radio World, one ends each broadcast with the term “73’s”. This means signing off for now.

Virgil has signed off from his earthly life and will be in the air forever in Heaven. His fellow Hams know we just might hear his signal loud and clear from there.

Family and friends will meet at 1:45 P.M. on Wednesday at West View Cemetery for a 2:00 P.M. graveside service and interment. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



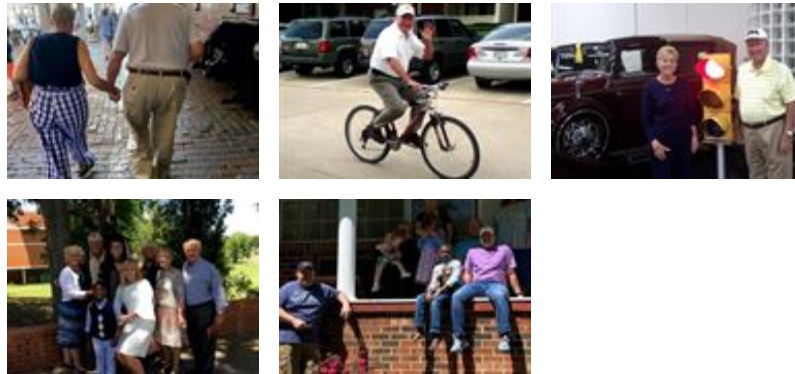
“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virgil Lee Wyrick*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 03, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *102 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 03, 2025 at 09:22 AM

AL

“ *, I'm so very sad for his sweet daughters and grand babies, Sending my deepest condolences, prayers, love, respect and hugs.* 🌺🌻🌹



Amanda Beth Lineham - December 02, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CA

“ I as many others know, feel honored to have known Virgil the last few years, he was definitely a true Southern Gentleman. We have Kim, Karen, and the rest of the family in our thoughts and prayers. I know you all will miss him, but I take comfort in knowing he is now with his precious Wilma. 73 my friend, till we meet again. de Chuck Anderson N4IYQ, Telford TN

Chuck Anderson - December 02, 2025 at 06:06 PM

ES

“ Elnora & Brett Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.



Elnora & Brett Smith - December 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

ES

“ Elnora & Brett Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.

Elnora & Brett Smith - December 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

RL

“ Virgil was a true friend, a southern gentleman and dedicated family man. Norm and I met Virgil through ham radio. He and Wilma will forever bring a smile as I remember their friendship. Prayers for comfort for their lovely family. Reta Leggett KE4HIF

Reta Leggett - December 02, 2025 at 09:16 AM

BS

“ Bob Stewart purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.



Bob Stewart - December 02, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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“ Bob Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.

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RR

“ Rosalynne Reynolds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.



Rosalynne Reynolds - December 01, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JR

“ Jeff and Lisa Rachor purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.



Jeff and Lisa Rachor - December 01, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JR

“ Jeff and Lisa Rachor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.

Jeff and Lisa Rachor - December 01, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*



December 01, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Love always, Chesnutts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*

Love always, Chesnutts - December 01, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Your friends from Sweetwater Crossings purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*



Your friends from Sweetwater Crossings - December 01, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Your friends from Sweetwater Crossings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*

Your friends from Sweetwater Crossings - December 01, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TF

“ *The Berkshire Hathaway Automotive Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*



The Berkshire Hathaway Automotive Family - December 01, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ *The Berkshire Hathaway Automotive Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Wyrick.*

The Berkshire Hathaway Automotive Family - December 01, 2025 at 01:05 PM