



## Charles R. Lockyer

August 29, 1925 - September 2, 2022

Charles R. Lockyer, 97, passed away on September 2, 2022, in the home that he and his beloved wife, Ruth E. Lockyer, built 30 years ago. Ruth Lockyer predeceased him in 2019. After they married, he taught at Georgetown College while finishing his PhD in Business Administration at the University of Kentucky. He also worked for the Kentucky Dept. of Highways under Governor Bert Combs, for IBM, the University of Kentucky, and Kentucky State College. The Public Administration Service based in Chicago appointed him to serve as advisor to the Minister of Finance in Bangkok, Thailand from 1960-1965. He also served as Director of Data Processing under Governor Ned Breathitt and taught at the University of Kentucky, and Kentucky State University.

Born on August 29, 1925, Lockyer was born and grew up in Gillespie, Illinois until he joined the U.S. Navy and later earned his B.A. from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He was a dedicated family man and is survived by four children: Judith Lockyer, Nancy Underwood, James Lockyer, and Cathy Benson; his seven grandchildren, Emily and Evan Underwood; Ben, Leslie, and Jake Lockyer; and Courtney Howerton and Alison Benson; and by two great-grandchildren, Hoyt and Freida Howerton.

After he retired, both he and his wife enjoyed 30 years on their land, traveled to the Amazon, and to many other parts of the U.S., planted and harvested their large vegetable fruit gardens, as well as beautiful flower gardens. He

especially loved being with their grandchildren. Lockyer was also a devoted user of the Paul Sawyer Public Library. He also was known for the beautiful wood carvings he made for his children and grandchildren. His example of kindness, learning, hard work, and sense of humor are gifts his family will cherish always.

No public service. He will be interred at Lexington Cemetery next to his dear wife of 69 years. The family asks that donations be made to the Paul Sawyer Public Library in Frankfort.

# Cemetery Details

## **Lexington Cemetery**

833 W Main St.  
Lexington, KY 40508