



## David Salyer

January 3, 1939 - February 28, 2026

David Salyer was born in Bradley, Kentucky, on January 3, 1939, and grew up in Salyersville. He was called home to his beloved Lord on February 28th. David was preceded in death by his parents, Coin and Sarah Howard Salyer, and ten of his brothers and sisters. He is survived by his brother, Bobby Salyer.

Though a resident of Augusta, Georgia, for most of his life, David spent his later years in Eatonton, Georgia. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force and a dedicated Mason, he was a talented welder by trade who eventually retired from the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, South Carolina. More important than any of his achievements was David's role as the heart of his family - a constant source of love and support.

David was an avid gardener with a legendary green thumb; he was known for having the best vegetables in the neighborhood and winning "Yard of the Month" numerous times. He was a true outdoorsman and a walking encyclopedia of nature; he could identify any bird by its song, name any tree in the woods and accurately predict the weather just by looking at the sky. David had a deep love for all animals, from raising orphaned quails to caring for feral cats and hosting hundreds of hummingbirds each summer.

Animals were drawn to his calm, quiet nature and sensed his kind heart. A true Southern gentleman, David was generous, well mannered, respectful and treated guests like family. He valued traditions and believed in the importance of a strong family bond. He had an unwavering sense of duty which extended to his family - he was a vigilant protector over his loved ones, always concerned for their safety. When he wasn't gardening or caring for one of his cats, he could be found settled in his favorite recliner, with a glass of sweet tea, watching any Western - though Gunsmoke was always the one he enjoyed the most.

David is survived by his daughters, Monica Josephine Irwin (Hugh) of Tampa, Florida and Sandy Salyer Hochman (Robbie) of Canton, Georgia. They were his greatest pride, and his love for them was the center of his life. Lovingly known as "PoPo" to his grandsons, he instilled in them a lasting imprint of devotion and support. Will Irwin (Brenna), Colin Irwin and Tripp Hochman, will forever carry his memory in their hearts. David's love reached a new generation in his great-grandchildren: Kennadi, Jace, Lainey, and Ameelia.

David will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. His memory carries forward a legacy of love and devotion that will continually guide his family and ensure their lives are beautifully intertwined. He will forever and faithfully remain - their North Star.

David's burial will be a private family service in Salyersville, Kentucky.

To honor David's love for animals, donations may be made in his memory to Putnam County Animal Control, 107 Ridley Drive, Eatonton, GA 31024. Please include "In Memory of David Salyer" on the memo line.

# Cemetery Details

## **Roark Cemetery**

Burning Fork Road  
Salyersville, KY

# Tribute Wall



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