



Lynn Ballinger Sr.

October 21, 1935 - December 4, 2025

Lynn Hall Ballinger, Sr., of Memphis, Tennessee, passed away peacefully and went Home to be with our Lord on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the age of 90.

A celebration of Lynn's life will be held in Memphis at 3pm on Friday, January 16, 2026, in the Chapel at Second Presbyterian Church. A reception will immediately follow in the Salmon Room.

Lynn was born on October 21, 1935, in Brownsville, Tennessee to Hall and Nettie Mae Ballinger. He grew up in Memphis with older brother Jack and younger brother Adam. Lynn graduated from Humes High School in 1954. While in high school, he often helped at his father's car dealership across from Sun Studio. Lynn always loved telling the story about the time a young Elvis Presley bought his first pink Cadillac convertible at the dealership.

At Memphis State University, Lynn first spotted Rosemary Lowrance between classes in the Tiger Den and fell in love. In his last semester, Lynn discovered he needed to take a typing class to be able to graduate. As luck would have it, he finally met Rosemary in that class... two years later, he ran into her leaving a Memphis State football game, got her number, they dated for six months and were married on May 21, 1960.

After graduation from Memphis State, Lynn began his professional career working for Ford Motor Company as a dealer rep traveling every week. Once children came along, Lynn decided to change careers and joined Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. A few years later, Lynn co-founded Ballinger, Pounds and Yarborough where he specialized in life insurance and estate planning. McDonnell Insurance acquired Ballinger, Pounds and Yarbrough in 2000, and Lynn continued to share his expertise helping his clients and friends until he retired at age 82.

Lynn spent most of his free time raising his three boys with Rosemary. He made giving back to his community a priority, including volunteering as a coach, serving on parents' associations at his boys' schools, teaching Sunday School and leading small groups at church. He served as Board Chair for Birthright of Memphis and faithfully supported many local organizations including the Salvation Army of Memphis. Lynn loved playing golf throughout his life – he was a charter member of Old Waverly Golf Club, served as President of Chickasaw Country Club in 1994, and cherished the times he played at Augusta National Golf Club.

Lynn's favorite vacations were on the Gulf in Miramar Beach, Florida. He and Rosemary were extremely fortunate to visit many international locations due to his hard work and success in the insurance industry.

Lynn is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Rosemary Lowrance Ballinger of Memphis; sons Lynn Ballinger, Jr. (Tawni) of Memphis, Bill Ballinger (Elisabeth) of Dallas, Texas, and Jonny Ballinger of Memphis; five grandchildren: Whitney Ballinger of Nashville, Haley Bullock (Brian) of North Canton, Ohio, Hall Ballinger (McKenna) of Memphis, Bailey Ballinger of Dallas, Texas and Brandon Ballinger (Aubrey) of Dallas, Texas. He also leaves four great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to so many caregivers for their loving care and support of Lynn over the past several months. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army of Memphis, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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“Lynn, Bob Yarbrough and I were business owners and partners for almost 40 years. He was always doing more than his share of work and not ever complaining. That probably as much as anything made working together a really great thing. Frankly I can never remember any of us ever having a real disagreement that wasn't resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Lynn was a good Christian father and husband. His business practices were always totally honest thus he enjoyed a reputation that we all envy.

I am proud to say I was his partner and our names were on the same company.

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