



James D. Lynch Sr.

May 17, 1941 - February 15, 2026

James David Lynch Sr. a faithful and loving 30-year companion to Winifred Bierman of Morrisville PA, a Father to James D. Lynch Jr (Dawn) of Deptford, Rene Purcell (Patrick) of Gloucester City, Terri Lynch (John Power) of Mantua and Kelley Blackshaw (Tom) of Deptford. His loving grandchildren: Casey Avsec (Tim Rooney), Morgan Purcell (Kevin Hissem), Caitlin Avsec (Jake Haines), Aubrey Lynch, Thomas Blackshaw III (Hailey), James D. Lynch III (AKA-Jake), Wyatt James Blackshaw, Austin Lynch, Rory LaRue Blackshaw and Kaylee Stedman. Great-grandfather of Freya Remolde; Jaxson, Carter, and Levi Haines; and Alice Blackshaw. Loving brother to Margaret Lauk of Collingswood, predeceased by sister Patricia Dougherty and dear brothers-in-law Thomas Dougherty and Donald J. Lauk Sr. "Uncle Snake" to his nieces and nephews.

He was the steady center of our ever-growing family.

Our father's greatest legacy is not only found in what he built with his hands, but in the wonderfully twisted sense of humor he passed on—to his four children, his ten grandchildren whom he called by unique and loving nicknames, and now his five great-grandchildren. That laughter, that spark, that mischief lives on in all of us.

Our home was the place everyone showed up to, hung out at, watched tv at,

slept over, or even the few who moved in and lived with us. He lovingly named the home we were raised in “Lynch’s home of misfits and unemployables”

He was a proud Navy veteran who served his country from 1959-1963 aboard the USS Lexington and the USS Montrail. That sense of duty, commitment, and quiet strength never left him, it shaped how he lived, how he worked, and how he loved.

He carried that same pride into a long career on the railroad, with Conrail, Amtrak, and Dymac. Doing whatever job they asked; welding, cleaning and refurbishing train cars, or just fixing it fast to get it turned around. He believed in honest work, showing up, and doing the job right... AND bringing home all the items he found on the trains he so eloquently name FOTT’s.

His favorite place on earth was his cabin in the woods of Huntingdon PA a place of quiet, of stories, of time slowing down, laughter, joy and mischief. There, surrounded by trees and family, he was most at peace and most himself. He loved sharing that place with those he loved, and it will always carry his presence.

He cherished hunting alongside his son and friends, moments of patience, tradition, and connection that needed no words at all. (except there was always a lot of yelling)

He was the undisputed king of duct-tape DIY—able to fix almost anything with creativity, determination, and a refusal to give up. That spirit taught us resilience, humor, how to correctly use colorful language and how to keep going even when things don’t go perfectly.

Above all, he loved his family fiercely. In ways both quiet and bold, he showed up, he cared deeply,

and he gave the best of himself to those he loved.

We will meet you at the "Pearly Gates" one day Dad Love you.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 3pm to 5pm in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Memorial Service 5pm in The Chapel of the funeral home.

Interment Private.

For condolences, please visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC
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Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James D. Lynch Sr.*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - February 20 at 03:02 PM

PM

That was beautiful tribute. I never had the opportunity to meet him, but I feel like I knew so much about him from Terri. She spent a lot of time with her dad up at the cabin and valued him greatly. I know all the girls enjoyed their time with their dad and he looks like he was a great pop-pop. Thank you for sharing.

Pam Martin - February 24 at 08:52 AM

JA

“ *Joseph and Sarah Azzari purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..*



Joseph and Sarah Azzari - February 20 at 09:16 AM

JF

“ *Jesse and Cathy Free and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Lynch Sr..*

Jesse and Cathy Free and Family - February 20 at 08:51 AM

JF

“ Jesse and Cathy Free and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..



Jesse and Cathy Free and Family - February 20 at 08:51 AM

DF

“ With sincere condolences. I remember the open door of the Lynch home back in the day. May your cherished memories always remain and warm your heart!

Deanna (Crawford) Freundlich - February 20 at 07:58 AM

ND

“ Nancy, John, Aubree and Arianna Daniel purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..



Nancy, John, Aubree and Arianna Daniel - February 19 at 07:35 PM

ND

“ Nancy, John, Aubree and Arianna Daniel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Lynch Sr..

Nancy, John, Aubree and Arianna Daniel - February 19 at 07:35 PM

MI

“ I had the great privelege to meet Snake in the early 80's as teenager in the mountains of Huntingdon County. We had a what you would call a "misfit " hunting gang back then. We drove a lot of deer his way. Unfortunately... he missed some good shots! One thing for sure, you could always count on a lot of laughter when Snake was around. I loved his Jersey accent. What a phenomonal guy.

Thinking of you Snake Jr and your family at this difficult time.

Mike Nead

Mike - February 19 at 07:28 PM

JF

“ The first time I met Jimmy Lynch was deer hunting in Huntingdon County Pa in 1974 -. What a great person and always had a great attitude and making everyone laugh. I will never forget the time we where shooting are guns in before deer season and we was using my dads 1980 ford pickup hood as a bench rest and Jimmy put a scope on his gun and started shooting and put a hole in the hood. He was always a joy to be around and he loved talking about different storys that happened on the Rail Road, it would bring tears to your eyes. Well Jimmy it has been a real pleasure over the years, and gods speed my friend.

Jesse Free - February 19 at 05:41 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - February 19 at 04:13 PM



“ *Kaylee purchased the Pretty Please for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..*



Kaylee - February 19 at 02:59 PM



“ *Winnie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..*



Winnie - February 19 at 02:53 PM

WB

“ To my Sweetie of 31 happy years. He took care of me after my Cancer surgery and I did my best to care for him. Not only did he make me happy but I got the love of his family as a bonus. I will miss him with all my heart.

Winnie Bierman - February 19 at 10:19 AM

HW

“ I shared a friendship & bond with "snake" for over 60 years. I know he is in His hands whether he likes it or not.

Harry Wade - February 18 at 09:17 PM



“ Lots of love to Uncle Snake family. He will be missed but everyone.



Amanda Dougherty - February 18 at 07:25 PM

BG

“ So lucky to have known this man. Was like a father to us knuckle heads (he described us differently) Was definitely one of a kind.

Brian Goodwin - February 18 at 04:12 PM

BG

“ Brian & Maria Goodwin purchased the Sacred Du ty Spray for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..



Brian & Maria Goodwin - February 18 at 03:44 PM

KL

“ Kimberly L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Lynch Sr..

Kimberly L. - February 18 at 01:19 PM

DG

“ Destiny G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Lynch Sr..

Destiny G. - February 18 at 12:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..



February 18 at 12:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James D. Lynch Sr..

February 18 at 12:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James D. Lynch Sr..



February 18 at 12:39 PM