



Herbert Vandy Tyler

September 18, 1945 - April 26, 2025

Herbert Vandy Tyler, 79, passed away suddenly on April 26, 2025, in Lincolnton, North Carolina. Born on September 18, 1945, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Herbert lived a life defined by devotion to his family, an unmatched knack for fixing anything, and a heart full of kindness.

Known affectionately as "McGyver" by those closest to him, Herb had an extraordinary talent for building and repairing just about anything. His hands were rarely still-always creating, tinkering, or solving the next puzzle. He was the go-to handyman for friends and family alike, always ready to lend his skills with a smile and a joke.

Herb shared 60 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, La-Verne J. Tyler (nee Howley). Their adventures took them far and wide visiting over 40 countries over the years. In recent years, they traveled with their daughter Jill-Kristi and grandson Vandy- his cherished namesake and "mini-me". These journeys were filled with many laughs, creating memories that will be treasured forever.

He was a devoted father to Jill-Kristi Tyler of Lutherville-Timonium, MD and Lawrence Tyler of West Long Branch, NJ, and father-in-law to Maureen Tyler. He was referred to "Papa" or "Pa" by his grandchildren-Vandy, Maria and Alexander who were the lights of his life.

Herb also leaves behind his siblings: sisters Shirley Lago, Edna Santucci, and Debbie D'Alessio and brother Duane Tyler and a host of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Duane "Timmy" Tyler and Edna Wooten Tyler as well as his sister Joyce Tyler Beese.

A man of many interests beyond his toolbox, Herb enjoyed word puzzles and keeping up with Hollywood gossip. In recent years he became an avid YouTube viewer and Facebook user. His sense of humor remained ever present; he had a gift for making others laugh even in the most ordinary moments.

His pets held a special place in his heart. He adored his two furry daughters, Abbi and Gidget, who brought him comfort and companionship. Above all else, he was dedicated to making those he loved happy. He gave freely of his time and talents without ever expecting anything in return. His kindness touched many lives.

At Herb's request, there will be no formal service. The family will host a celebration of life at a future date to honor the man who meant so much to so many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Herb's name to the American Heart Association or the SPCA.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Tyler. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Our very deepest sympathy to you La-Verne and all the family. The cruises we shared with you and Herb were always highlights of our travels. All of the family will be on our thoughts and prayers.
Jeanne and Lance Anderson

Jeanne & Lance Anderson - May 03, 2025 at 12:24 PM

GS

“ I will always remember Herb and LaVerne tirelessly preparing baskets for the St Vincent Fashion Show . Also, fond memories of Herb and LaVerne sitting on their chairs watching all the festivities of Punta Gorda Halloween .Cherish the memories .

Geri Saunders - May 02, 2025 at 07:35 PM

NJ

“ I'm very saddened by Herbie's passing. My heart goes out to all the Tyler family. May you find comfort in all your wonderful memories. You are always in my heart.

Nancy Jermanowski - May 02, 2025 at 07:13 AM

JY

“ Our dear friend.
John and I are going to miss you so much.
Thursday night at Lowe's just won't be the same without you-so many laughs! Our hearts are broken. Rest in peace friend💔

joanne yelverton - May 01, 2025 at 08:07 PM