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Lyon, Whitney

Whitney Lyon quietly joined his Savior and Redeemer early am on May 1, 2016 four days short of his 95th birthday and 70 years after becoming partially quadriplegic from encephalomyelitis / polio contracted just after ending his time with the Army Air Corps as a pilot in the Caribbean during WWII. Undeterred, he eventually learned to walk with crutches and even drive! In addition he spent the majority of his life being a successful businessman. He was also an advisor, associate staff member and frequent speaker around the world for the Christian Business Men's Committee. He initiated the Palm Desert CBMC and spearheaded the Community Prayer Breakfast for many years. He lived Galatians 2:20 as his life verse. His devoted wife of 40 years preceded him to heaven in 2005 and afterwards he was attended by a devoted team of loving caregivers. He and Loraine were foundational members of the Bel Air Presbyterian Church and Southwest Church in Indian Wells. He is survived by two sisters, Patricia and Charm (husband Charles) and his Martin step-family: son, Stephen in Murrieta, California; grandson Ryan (wife Jan) in Everett, Washington; and granddaughter, Brianne in Westlake Village, California. A celebration of life memorial will be held Saturday June 4 at 11am at Southwest Church located at Washington and Fred Waring in Indian Wells. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Southwest Church or Forest Home.

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