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CONTRACTORS BOARD HONORS LIFE OF GEORGE LYFORD, FORMER DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – Former Director of Investigations George Lyford passed away peacefully in his home on March 20, 2023, surrounded by family. The Nevada State Contractors Board held a moment of silence during its April 20 Board meeting in honor of Lyford’s life and in recognition of the countless ways he contributed to the advancements of the Board’s investigative operations throughout his 20-year career.

“Those who had the pleasure of knowing George will remember him best for his smile, contagious laughter, and reminiscent storytelling,” shared Executive Officer Margi Grein. “George was passionate about public safety and ensuring the Board’s investigations operated in a fair and transparent manner. He was a man of great integrity whose friendship and mentoring will be missed beyond measure.”

Lyford was born on March 12, 1945, in Philadelphia, PA. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1962 as a Private and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1966. Lyford went on to work as a Deputy Sheriff in Buffalo, NY. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Buffalo and a master’s degree in investigation of financial crimes from Washington University in May 1980.

From 1973 to 1995, Lyford worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigations as a Special Agent over various divisions, including the NCIC Unit, Inspectors Unit and the Undercover/Special Operations Unit. He also served as Supervisory Special Agent to the Reactive/General Criminal Squad, Narcotics Squad, Surveillance Squad, and the White-Collar Crimes Squad. Lyford managed cases including civil rights, bank robberies, kidnappings, fugitives, extortion, and white-collar crimes.

After retiring from the FBI in 1995, Lyford joined the private investigations firm Advantage Group. In 1998, he became the Director of Investigations for the Nevada State Contractors Board; a position he held for 20 years. Beyond Lyford’s skills and expertise in investigations, Lyford became an extended family member to each of his colleagues, a mentor to those who had the pleasure of working with him, and created a legacy at the Board that will never be forgotten.

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A mass will be held at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church on April 29, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. and a private burial will follow in May of 2023 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, which will include military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of George to the Former Agents of the FBI Foundation at www.socxfbi.org, Nathan Adelson Hospice or the American Cancer Society.



George Lyford
March 12, 1945 – March 20, 2023

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