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## *The Passing of a Great Pioneer*



### ***Mr. John "R" Lynch***

February 18 1924 – November 20, 2011

John "R" Lynch was born on February 18, 1924 in Learned, Mississippi to Samuel and Pearl White Lynch. He was also known as "Dick" by his friends while growing up in this very small town. He attended Morning Star Middle School and Lanier High School.

At the age of 19, in 1943, Dad joined the United States Marine Corps. This was one of his great milestones in the years to come, due to the segregation of US Marine Corps prior to that time. One year later in 1944, the Marine Corps stationed him in Santa Barbara, California. From there his journey stationed him in many places such as El Toro, Twenty-Nine Palms, Ontario, and Camp Pendleton. He also served in World War II, and The Korean War. Dad was honored for valiantly serving our country during difficult times, with multiple Service Awards and Commendations. They include the Good Conduct (Five Awards), American Area, WWII Victory, National Defense Service, Korean Service (3), United Nations Service and Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Dad became one of the original members of the Montford Point Marine Association, Chapter 8. He proudly served the US Marine Corps for 20 years retiring in 1963. John "R" loved the US Marines as we all know, and anyone in his company would be subject to hearing him and his Corps Brothers talking about their endeavors while serving The US Marine Corps.

In 1946 Dad met Margaret Lorraine Woolfolk. They courted and were married on August 22, 1950. To this union seven more milestones were born. They were John and Kenneth, the twins Donald and Arnold, Mark, Clifford, and Jeffrey. John R was a very social person and everyone in his neighborhood loved him.

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John "R" enjoyed working with his hands and eventually developed a passion for working with furniture in his garage at home. In 1966 he founded and operated Lynch's Custom Upholstery in Compton on Wilmington Ave., sharing a building with his brother-in-law Russell Woolfolk Jr. (deceased). He eventually moved to his own location that most of us remember at 425 Rosecrans Ave. John truly enjoyed the upholstery business. He added to his community by upholding a small business for 38 years, serving mostly the citizens of his community and surrounding cities. In 2004 John retired from his Upholstery business.

John "R" leaves behind to cherish his memories his beloved wife, Margaret Lynch, seven sons John, Kenneth, Donald, Arnold, Mark, Clifford and Jeffery, six daughter-in-laws, Patricia, Jennifer, Aladrian, Claudine, Frankie, and Iris. He also leaves behind one brother William Lynch of Kankakee, Illinois; two sisters Evangeline Curry of Chicago, Illinois, and Fannie Lockett of Waukegan, Illinois, twenty-one grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents Sam and Pearl, two sisters, Ruth and Estella, and one brother, Sam.

