

## Obituary for LaVale Lion Billie Joe Redmond

LaVale Lion Billie Joe Redmond, 91, passed away Friday, October 29, 2021. He was a member of LaVale Lions Club for fifty years, joining in February 1971. Lion Billie served the LaVale Lions Club as third, second and first vice president. Our famed chicken barbeque began in the year he was president in 1980-81. He later served as Tail Twister. He served on and chaired many committees including picnic, convention, program, awards, visitations, song leader, broom sales, Christmas trees, new projects, photography, property maintenance, and public affairs.

Lion Billie was honored with being named Lion of the Year in 1979. He was made a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2005. In 2016, he was again honored as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Billie was retired from Kelly Springfield Tire Company where he was manager of staff and office services. A veteran of the US Marines and National Guard, Lion Billie was also a member of the American Legion. He attended Centre Street and LaVale United Methodist Churches.

He is survived by his wife, MaryAnn; sons Mark and Doug; daughter Diane Shriver; three step-daughters and three step-sons.

LaVale Lions Club conducted a memorial service at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, Cumberland, on Monday, November 1, 2021. A memorial service and burial were done at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery, Rocky Gap State Park, with military honors performed by Ft. Cumberland Post 13 Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made in his name to LaVale Lions Club, PO Box 3235, LaVale, MD 21502.

