

Paul Bishop Lyles

Bishop Lyles was born 8 February, 1924 in Wilson, North Carolina, the son of Charles Paul Lyles and Jessie Bishop Lyles. He attended Wilson City Schools – Frederick A. Woodard Grammar School, and Charles L. Coon High School, where he was a class officer and a member of the Beta Club and the tennis team, graduating in June of 1942. That fall he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. After his freshman year, in 1943 he volunteered for training in the United States Army Air Corp. After flight training, he became a Bombardier Navigator for B-24 “Liberator” four engine bombers, and a Second Lieutenant. During a night training mission on 27 August 1944, his plane flew into a thunderstorm over the State of Mississippi, and was torn apart with the loss of all aboard.