



Ernest Ira Ryan

May 15, 1942 - November 22, 2023

Obituary for Ernest I. Ryan

Ernest was born on May 15, 1942 in Ashland, Nebraska to Guy Ernest and Mary Beck Ryan.

He attended public school in Lincoln, Nebraska until the 11th grade when he quit school and joined the Navy. He spent his time on two air craft carriers (The USS Oriskany and The USS Wandark ATA-204). He loved his time in the Navy. His last job there involved steering ships in critical situations. In his words, "I was really gung-ho about this and I could still do this today".

He married Dorothy Ann Boseman on September 18, 1964. There were no children from that marriage, however he considered her four children and their children his family.

As a civilian he worked for Cushman's in Lincoln, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, Fruchauf in Decatur, Alabama, Redstone Machine and Tool, in Huntsville, Alabama, and Champion Paper Mill.

His wife Dorothy Ann Ryan passed away July 24, 2000.

A new Chapter, according to him, "God sent a woman from my youth for me to Love and Share the rest of my life with". Dorothy Catherine Bettinger became

my wife on October 20, 2001.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Mary Ryan, brother, Ronnie Ryan, step-children Melanie Martin, Douglas Mueller and Debra Mueller.

Ernest is survived by his wife Dorothy Catherine Ryan, three brothers, Guy (Butch) Ryan and wife Nancy, William Ryan and his wife Sherry, Robert (Bobby) Ryan, step-children Ron, Karl, Rick, Linda Boseman, all from Lincoln, Nebraska, Kristy (Abel) Cisneroz, Taty, Texas, Daniel (Abby) Spicer, Lincoln, Nebraska, 18 step-grandchildren from first wife, and 18 step-grandchildren from second wife, many great great grandchildren. Bonus daughters Ginny Friar and Valerie Mackon. Many nieces and nephews and a host of precious friends.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Decatur, AL 35601

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 353-1620
<https://www.sheltonfuneralhome.net/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Ernie and Dorothy have been wonderful members of our church. I will never forget the way Ernie would pray. It was if he and God were face to face; a sermon in itself! We've been missing him and will continue!! May God give peace and comfort to Dorothy and his family! <3

Wanda Peek - November 26, 2023 at 09:44 AM

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“ Karen, Mike and Jackie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Ira Ryan.

Karen, Mike and Jackie - November 24, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Ira Ryan.



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