



John Edward Ryan

January 27, 1941 - March 8, 2021

John Edward Ryan, 80, of Timberville, passed away Monday, March 8, 2021 at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg. He was born January 27, 1941 in Shenandoah County, son of the late Kirby Eldridge Ryan and Virginia "Virgie" Dellinger Ryan.

During his very early teens, he started working as a pinsetter for Mt. Jackson Bowling Lanes. He worked for Harrisonburg Candy and Fruit Company as a salesman, Gamby Distributing as a supervisor and in later years as an Associate Broker for a few Shenandoah County real estate companies, retiring from real estate in 2000. He also drove courier for F & M Bank.

John volunteered for the draft, served in the army in 1959-1961 was recalled to active duty for one year during the Berlin crisis. John was very proud to have served his country.

John was a quiet, pleasant man. He enjoyed rainy days, long drives in the country, reading, current events, and good food. He enjoyed a wide range of music; his favorite song being, What A Wonderful World. He was interested in Civil War and World War II history and had acquired much knowledge of each. He was appointed to Mt. Jackson town Council in 1984 to fill the seat vacated by Art Holmas, won election in 1986 and 1990. John loved the town of Mt. Jackson and lived there most of his life.

He served on the Board of Directors for Massanutten Board of Realtors in the late 1980's. He is a member of the Timberville Chapter of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Reformation Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Monica Ryan; brothers, William Ryan and Arnold "Buck" Ryan; and sisters, Garline Thompson, Irma Fadeley, and Doris Lambert.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Roberta "Bobbi" Ryan whom he married on December 24, 1961; sister, Margaret Funkhouser of Woodstock; brother, Richard "Butch" Ryan (Lyn) of New Market; and special brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Floyd and Donna Phillips of New Market. He is survived by numerous nephews and nieces, Richard Ryan II (Paula), John D. Ryan (Tammy), Wayne Fadeley (Debbie), James Fadeley (Barbara), Crystal Gipe (Nolan), Frances Miller, Judy Litten, Steven Ryan, Sandra Dishman (Claude), Sherry Ryan, Deborah Hassler, Gordon Lambert (Debby), Michael Lambert (Marsha), Linda Eschelmann (Charles), Lori Mumaw, and Robert Phillips (Lena). John enjoyed wonderful holidays in their homes, great summer reunions, and was the recipient of many acts of love and caring.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local animal shelter of your choice to support John's love of nature and animals.

The family will commemorate his life privately.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Ryan*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *John Edward Ryan*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. May God be with all of you and give you comfort and strength*

Carole N Dennis Schaeffer - March 11, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *I will miss his smiling face and all his great stories at dialysis. He made the day brighter by being here. Bobbi, my thoughts and prayers are with you and we are always here for you* ❤️



Jennifer Flook - March 11, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *My sympathy to the Ryan family. May your memories comfort you at this sad time.*

Barbara (Showman) Rhinehart

barbara - March 10, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Always remember keeping John posted of the Nascar races so he didn't miss any.* ”

Carol H Cook - March 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM