



Mr. Billy Joe Ryan

September 15, 1933 - February 18, 2019

Mr. Billy Joe "BJ" Ryan, 85, died Monday, February 18, 2019 at Pruitt Health in Sylvester, GA. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 21, at Kimbrell-Stern from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Graveside services will be held Friday, February 22 at 2:00 PM at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Ryan enlisted in the Marines on February 18, 1953 after high school. At the beginning of his career, he served on the Silent Drill Team in Washington, D.C. While in the Marines, he served tour of duties in Vietnam and Okinawa, Japan. He retired from the Marines on September 30, 1972. After retirement, he worked in civil service at the Repair Division at MCLB for 20 years.

After his second retirement, he and "The Wife", what he affectionately called Georgia, purchased a motor home and toured the United States with the Family Motor Coach Association, Georgia Southerners.

He loved fishing and his Atlanta Falcons with whom he had a love/hate relationship. He also loved watching SEC football games on Saturdays with Aletha, rooting for Alabama.

The family would like to thank the staff at Legacy Village in Tifton, The Oaks at Oakland Plantation in Leesburg, and PruittHealth-Sylvester for the love and care

Mr. Ryan received from them.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia V. Ryan, his children, Aletha Ryan, Kaye Copeland and her husband, Mike, William David Ryan and his wife, Mary and Eddie Ryan and his wife, Tammy, all of Albany, 5 grandchildren, Amanda Wilson and her husband, Lionel, Jaylynn Glass and her husband, Josh, Chad Ryan, Ryan Copeland and Matthew Copeland, 4 great grandchildren, Heath Glass, Abby Wilson, Harrison Glass and Izabel Glass, a brother in law, Robert Venable of Toledo, OH and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675-8517 or to the Samaritan's Purse 436 FL-71, Wewahitcka, FL 32465.

To share your thoughts with the Ryan family, you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Graveside Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery
1903 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Billy Joe Ryan*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Billy Joe Ryan*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Billy Joe Ryan*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family at this most difficult time. I worked with BillyJoe at the Marine Base. He was always cheerful and a wonderful person to talk with. I am so sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed.*

Roberta (Bobbie) Shoaf - February 22, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Joe Ryan.*



February 20, 2019 at 11:14 AM

NC

“ *National Pecan Company purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Billy Joe Ryan.*



National Pecan Company - February 20, 2019 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ *Dear Mrs Ryan, Aletha, Kaye, & Family: our continued thoughts & prayers are with you & your family in the recent loss of Mr Ryan. We have experienced your situation with the loss of a special husband & daddy. Your precious memories & your faith in our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ will sustain you. In Christian love & friendship, Mrs Greene, Emily, & Deb*

Deb Blanchard - February 19, 2019 at 04:26 PM

MC

“ *Not only did Billy Joe serve his country as a Marine, but he served his community as a regular blood donor, donating over 23 gallons of blood in his lifetime!*

Michael Copeland - February 19, 2019 at 01:28 PM

WS

“ *With all our love! Adam & Gwen Stokes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Billy Joe Ryan.*



With all our love! Adam & Gwen Stokes - February 19, 2019 at 09:37 AM