



Charles F. Ryan

November 14, 1937 - December 16, 2023

Charles F. Ryan, 86, of Whitewater, Missouri (formerly State College, Pennsylvania) died on December 16, 2023 at Southeast Hospital. He was born on November 14, 1937 in Danville, Pennsylvania to Addison and Madelyn Ryan. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Grace White, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Charles attended Danville High School, Valley Forge Military Academy and Penn State University. His professional career included working for HRB Singer, a defense contractor, in State College, Pennsylvania and Penn State University, performing research in ergonomics for the U.S Department of Mines.

Charles served in the US Army under the Eisenhower Program. He was active in the Antique Automobile Club of America and volunteered with the Boy Scouts in Pennsylvania.

Charles began playing the trumpet in the fourth grade. As such, he was the youngest person to ever play with the Danville High School Band. Throughout his life he played the trumpet with various groups such as the Screamers, the State College dance band, State College municipal band, windjammers and the Jackson municipal band.

He should be remembered as a humble and generous man who wanted little and gave much. His life was rooted in his faith, family, beloved pets and doing the correct thing.

He leaves behind his wife of forty years, Patricia, and two treasured sons, Charles and Perrin (Hayley). In addition he leaves behind his dear whippet, Eli.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, January 4, 2024 at the Zion Methodist Church in Gordonville, Missouri, and he will be interred in the church cemetery. Reverend Scott Griffin will preside. Graveside military rites will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. In recognition of his profound love for the state of Pennsylvania, soil from State College (Happy Valley), Pennsylvania will be scattered on the premises.

Rest in peace, dear Charles.

Memorial contributions may be given to Zion Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Zion Methodist Church Cemetery

Gordonville
Gordonville, MO 63752

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Methodist Church
3652 State Hwy Z
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-9513
(573) 243-8025

Tribute Wall



“ *Sympathy to you and your sons, Pat. Charles will be missed. Joe and Carole*

Joe Huskey - December 22, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Charles F. Ryan.*



December 20, 2023 at 05:18 PM