



Thad Bryant Ryan

January 6, 2015

Thad Bryant Ryan, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Tuesday, January 06, 2015 at Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He formerly lived in Morehouse, MO, and Puxio, MO for many years. He was born July 20, 1928 in Lilbourn, MO to Joseph Patrick and Ola Elgin Ryan. He was formerly married to Phyllis Buchanan Ryan for 52 years. He attended most of his school years in Puxio Public Schools, but moved his senior year and graduated from Marston High School. Thad earned a B.S. in Education from Southeast Missouri State and a Masters Degree in Education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. Thad was a proud veteran serving in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War. Thad was a dedicated educator for many years, serving as a superintendent in both the Puxio and Morehouse school systems. He was a vice-principal and teacher in the Sikeston Public Schools. Other school districts that he worked for were Bloomfield, Desoto, Bayless, and Egyptian, Ill. He was a member of Rauch-Spence Memorial United Methodist Church in Morehouse for 47 years, where he enjoyed singing in the choir and serving as Sunday School superintendent. Thad was a 50 year member of the Masons and was a member of the Morehouse Kiwanis Club for many years. Thad loved his bowling leagues, gardening, coaching, and discussing sports. He was a frequent blood donor, and volunteered during several disasters. Survivors include a daughter, Toni [Jerry] Dement of Cape Girardeau, and a son, Keith [Carmela] Ryan of Fenton, MO; four grandchildren, Lindsay [Josh] Miller, of Jackson, MO, Jami

[Zac] Hudson of Columbus, OH, and Jessica and Jake Ryan of Fenton, MO; two great-grandchildren, Jackson and Kylie Miller of Jackson, MO. Thad was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Arnold, Jerry, Carl, and Everett Ryan, and a sister, Gertrude Downie. There will be no visitation. Graveside services and burial with full military honors will be at 12:00 PM Friday, Jan. 9, 2015 at the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO with the Rev. Ray Placher officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to The Southeast Missouri Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2430 Myra Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 or Rauch-Spence Memorial United Methodist Church, 107 Holmes Ave. Sikeston, MO 63801. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Keith & Carmella, we're sorry to hear about your loss. You're in our prayers.

Darrell & Janet McKay - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We are thinking of you all during this sad time. Dad is in the hospital recovering from a heart valve replacement but sends his condolences as well. He was very, very fond of his dear uncle and has many wonderful memories of times spent together when they were younger. Love, Stacie Court (Don Downie's oldest daughter)

Stacie Court - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Mr. Ryan was the father of my friend, Keith Ryan. Lora and I send our condolences to the Ryan Family.

Gregg Tanner - September 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Mr. Ryan was such a kind and gentle soul. I will always remember him as a very nice man. I have nothing but great memories of him. Whether you saw him on the street or in church, he was friendly and kind. To his family: please accept our deepest sympathy for we all share the pain of losing someone close and know this kind of pain. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We are sad we can not make it to the service, but know you can call us anytime.

Lora Rogers Tanner - September 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

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Jesse masterson - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Thad's passing. I can remember growing up in Morehouse seeing Thad out and about. He was always friendly and kind to all of the kids.

Debbie Ferrell/Randy and Pearlina Ferrell - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM