



L.D. Ryan

August 19, 1934 - December 22, 2025

L.D. Ryan, 91, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on December 22, 2025, at Shiloh Health and Rehab, in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born on August 19, 1934, at home in Mongo, Indiana, to Leonard L. Ryan and Dorothy Irene Walker. He grew up in Mongo and graduated from Springfield Township High School in 1952. After serving in the U.S. Navy as Engineman 2nd Class on the minesweepers USS Tercel and USS Grosbeak, L.D. studied mechanical engineering (BS Tri-State University, MS University of Toledo, PhD Agricultural Engineering, Michigan State University). He worked for many years as a professional engineer and as a college professor (Western Michigan University, Tri-State University, John Brown University). While at Western Michigan University, he coauthored the textbook Fundamentals of Solar Heating. He founded and ran several business ventures including Ryan Engineering and Safety Engineering, and also started the non-profit Earth Mission.

L.D. met the love of his life, Susan Double, in 1957 and they were married January 25, 1958 in Toledo, Ohio. Together they raised five boys. In 1977, he recruited his family to help build a cabin on Beaver Island, Michigan from wood felled on their farm in Vicksburg, Michigan. He particularly enjoyed spending summers there on the island, fishing, playing music, and writing. In his later years, he wrote and self-published several works of fiction. L.D. was a devout Christian. He enjoyed sharing his faith with others and helping people who most needed it. He was an active member of The Assembly

Church in Siloam Springs.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Susan Ryan; his mother, Dorothy Ryan; his father, Leonard Ryan; and his grandson, Judah Ryan.

L.D. is survived by his sons: Mitch Ryan, of Chiang Mai, Thailand; Dave Ryan, of North Mankato, Minnesota; Steve Ryan, of Ames, Iowa; Dan Ryan, of Chiang Mai, Thailand; and John Ryan, of Poncha Springs, Colorado; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Assembly in Siloam Springs on June 27th at 2pm. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I was very sorry to hear of L.D.'s passing, enjoyed seeing him last summer on the island

Michael Lyons - January 10 at 09:35 PM

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“ Thank you for all the memories of our time on Beaver Island. Your testimony was an inspiration to us all. Your comedy and musical talents will be missed. Sheldon and Patricia Anderson

Sheldon And Patricia Anderson - January 01 at 11:01 AM

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“ Thank you for the great memories and so sorry to hear of your passing. Rest in peace I even read your book your testimony will live on Sheldon OK and Patricia

Sheldon And Patricia Anderson - December 31, 2025 at 06:21 PM

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Ryan & his family lived down the road from my grandma and I. He was so nice....so was his wife. My thoughts & prayers are with his family!!!

Floy Hale - December 28, 2025 at 09:29 PM

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*LD and Sue were some of the first neighbors we met on Cortney Circle. He and Sue would stop by often on their evening walks. He was a fine Christian man and had a wonderful sense of humor. Rest in peace, LD. You will be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family.
John & Teresa Beasley*

john & Teresa Beasley - January 10 at 05:13 PM