



Theodore J. Ryan

January 13, 1924 - November 9, 2013

OBITUARY:

Theodore J. Ryan, 89, husband of Roberta (Waldron) Ryan, of Phoenixville, passed away at home on Saturday evening, November 9, 2013. Born in Troy, NY, he was a son of the late Theodore E. and Eleanor (Larkin) Ryan.

Mr. Ryan had a 20-year managerial career with General Electric, beginning in Schenectady NY, relocating to Pittsfield, MA, and finally to the Space Sciences Center in King of Prussia, PA. In the mid-70's he worked in technical publications at Boeing in Ridley Park and the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Undeterred by his coronary bypass in 1976 he founded The Stove Shop in 1977 in Schuylkill Township, selling American-made wood stoves and working long hours to build it into a successful business from which he retired in 1986. Starting in the 70's and continuing well after retirement he served his community on the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors where his efforts were key in preserving open space against pressure from developers.

He was a member of Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, Bradbury Camp No. 149 of West Chester, PA; Knights of Columbus (third degree); Lions Club; Society of Technical Writers and Publishers; secretary for Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company; and St. Ann Church. His interests included cooking, reading, crosswords (esp. NY Times), genealogy, amateur astronomy,

gardening, fishing, dogs (especially his beloved bulldogs, Otis and Lucky). He appreciated good writing and loved to find just the right word, often amusing his family with his precise wording when speaking.

In addition to his loving wife of 62 years, Mr. Ryan is survived by his children, Amy, wife of Andrew Faga, of Lansdale, Jean Ryan and companion Michael Oddo, of California, David, husband of Robyn Ryan, of Conshohocken, William, husband of Cynthia Ryan, of Kimberton, and Theodore W. Ryan, companion of Kathy Butzloff, of Plymouth Meeting, brother, William Ryan, of Inchelium, Washington and three grandchildren, Daniel Faga, husband of Alyson, Patrick Ryan, and Maureen Ryan. Predeceased by a son, Robert.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Friends will be received from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Interment will be held privately for the family in Greenville Rural Cemetery, Greenville, NY. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Ted's name to:

Ted Ryan Open Space Conservation Fund, c/o Schuylkill Township, Attn: Mary R. Bird, Township Manager, 111 Valley Park Road, Phoenixville PA 19460-5700. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Mass

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Carole Tellis lit a candle in memory of Theodore J. Ryan*



carole tellis - November 19, 2014 at 01:41 AM

AL

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to know Ted. When he joined our Sons of Union Veterans Camp he was an instant hit! His warm personality, humor and rock-solid common sense made him an important contributor to our success as one of the best Camps in our state. I remember how proud he was when he finally put on his newly purchased Union-blue uniform and marched in parades with us. He understood the value of remembering our ancestors and was very proud of his. We will miss him, but we know that he touched many lives, and that the world is better place because of him. Thank you for posting such a wonderful video, my thoughts and prayers are with the Ryan family.*

Andy Lefko

Andy Lefko - November 14, 2013 at 12:12 AM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - November 13, 2013 at 03:58 PM

DC

“ Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan were always so warm and welcoming to me when I would visit their home. I loved listening to Mr. Ryan tell stories or just talk about what was going on in our lives. He was such an interesting and well-informed man with a great sense of humor. He will be missed greatly by so many. My thoughts, prayers and hugs to the whole Ryan family.

Diane Chambers Maryland

Diane Chambers - November 13, 2013 at 10:31 AM

DW

“ I only met Ted once and was impressed with his generosity and his words of honor for his New York ancestor who served in the Civil War, taking pains to show me the "SNY" plate he wore on his re-enactor's cartridge box. He was proud of his involvement in the Sons. At a very fair price, he sold me his uniform and leathers. I wore the outfit at Gettysburg on July 3rd and will continue to wear it in honor of Ted, of my ancestor, and of all the others who served the cause of the Union.

David Walter - November 13, 2013 at 09:22 AM

JO

“ Judy and John O'Neal will miss Ted a bunch. Ted stood tall in his Union uniform and loved his Union ancestor's history and the history of the Civil War. Ted marched a few miles with us in his younger days. And being a true Irish lad enjoyed a beer with the boys now and then. Rest in peace Soldier.

John O'Neal - November 12, 2013 at 02:13 PM

KR

“ Dear Bill & Cindy,

My deepest condolences to your whole family. Having just spent last week with my 79-year old father, I truly appreciated the time spent with him as we both age. I wish you strength in the days to come and hope your memories are good ones. The hearth industry lost a pioneer. RIP Mr. Ryan.

Ken Rajesky

Ken Rajesky - November 12, 2013 at 01:46 PM

JL

“ *Ted was a steadfast and valued member of the Bradbury Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) for more than 25 years, having transferred in from another SUVCW camp. He served as Bradbury Camp's Secretary/Treasurer in 2000 and 2001. Ted was rightfully proud of his Civil War ancestor George Hoyt who served with the 115th New York State Volunteers.*

On a personal note I viewed Ted as a mentor to some of us who joined the organization at a later time. It always seemed to me that that in the course of discussing and debating issues facing the Camp Ted had a knack for presenting the facts in a logical and down-to-earth fashion as he helped to steer us towards a wise decision.

On behalf of the Bradbury Camp, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Roberta and all of Ted's family.

Jim Lawler, Commander, Bradbury Camp #149, Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Jim Lawler - November 12, 2013 at 01:43 PM



Your Dad seems so in tune with Peg's Dad. I didn't know him, but watching the love that comes from you and your siblings , I know is heart was good.

Pat Walsh

Pat Walsh - December 06, 2013 at 11:04 AM