



Howard Ernest Ryan

August 28, 1932 - July 21, 2023

Howard Ernest Ryan, age 90 of Rockdale, passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023.

Howard, known to many as "H.E.", was born on August 28, 1932, to the late Eulala Segler and J.T. Ryan of Chriesman. He grew up attending school and church in Burleson County.

From a young age, H.E. farmed and raised livestock. On August 2, 1952, he married the love of his life, Joyce Maxine Poehl. Together, they raised three children and spent the early part of their marriage in Houston where H.E. worked at Cameron Iron Works and earned Apprentice of the Year for the Greater Houston area. He then moved his family to Rockdale where he spent 30 years at Alcoa. At age 62, he retired and pursued his love of ranching, hunting, and fishing. H.E. built their family home and by his late 70's, had become quite the karaoke singer. Though small in stature, he had a big heart. He was a father figure to two of his grandchildren and numerous teenage boys. A simple man with a big smile, he enjoyed his life in the country.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Maxine, of 70 years, along with their daughter Patricia and John Wilkey; grandchildren Bridget and Dustin Zanders, Megan and Ryan Wilkey, and Lissa and Joshua Turner, and Frank Young; great grandchildren Reese and Rainn Zanders, Clementine, Lee Scott, and June Wilkey, and Jonah, Jesse, and Leah Turner; sister Betty and Don

Woods, as well as several nephews, a niece, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Cherl Yanez, son Maurice Ryan, grandson Jason Tilotta, sister Mary Lagrone, and brother Carrell Ryan.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at New Jerusalem Christian Church in Rockdale. Burial will follow in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. A visitation will be held 6 – 8 pm on Friday at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

New Jerusalem Christian Church
Mulberry & 4th Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Ernest Ryan*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 09:20 PM

LG

“ *Ms. Maxine my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Howard..LGibson*



Lorna Gibson - August 01, 2023 at 07:46 PM



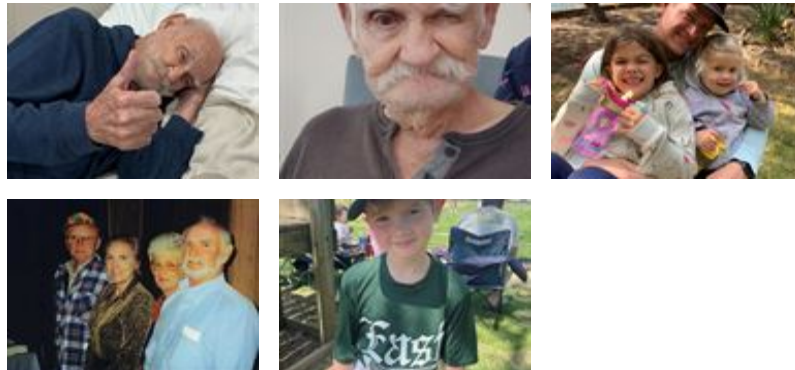
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Ernest Ryan.*



July 28, 2023 at 02:56 PM



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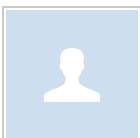
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of **Howard Ernest Ryan**.



July 28, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of **Howard Ernest Ryan**.



July 28, 2023 at 09:28 AM

MR

“ I will always remember Howard singing karaoke songs at the community center. He lived and loved life to its fullest. That beautiful voice of yours is being heard loud and clear in Heaven as you now sing with the angels. Rest in peace cousin.

Mona Ryan-Burford - July 27, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Ernest Ryan.



July 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ Mr. & Mrs. Jermaine Robertson Sr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard Ernest Ryan.



Mr. & Mrs. Jermaine Robertson Sr. - July 26, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Howard Ernest Ryan.



July 25, 2023 at 09:46 PM

LW

“ *May God wrap his arms around you all and bring you comfort and peace as only he can.*

Lynn Weaver

Lynn Weaver - July 25, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ *Our family will forever remember H.E. His smile lit up the room and his big heart was always filled with kindness. He is missed, but his memory lives on in all those he embraced and dearly loved.*

We are grateful to have known H.E. and look forward to seeing him again someday. Our prayers are with you during this time.



Jamie + Brandon Moeller - July 24, 2023 at 09:12 PM

JS

“ *H.E. (PaPa) As we called him, What a Great Man That our lord has called home. There was never a dull moment in the day when he was around rather it was at the ball fields, hunting, or fishing you was definitely going to learn something. I always had fun being around H.E. When Dustin and I was growing up and playing sports together. H.E. I am going to miss you my friend but I know you're Resting Now And I'm so Happy for that... R.I.P. (Papa)*

Johnny Stewart - July 24, 2023 at 06:14 PM