



Kenneth A. Ryan

December 24, 2006

Kenneth A. Ryan, 84, a long-time resident of Camillus, died Sunday in Rochester, NY. He was a native of New Sharon, IA, where his father farmed and raised prize Percheron horses. A 1939 graduate of Lacey High School, Mr. Ryan studied business administration at the University of Iowa with his twin brother Keith from 1940 – 1943, leaving school to fight as a Marine in the Pacific Theatre. During the Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill on Okinawa in May 1945, he was severely wounded by a grenade; his twin brother was killed. Mr. Ryan returned to the University of Iowa to continue his studies in 1947 and 1948. He married Joy Annette Wilson of Ottumwa, IA in 1952 and moved to Springfield Gardens in Dewitt, a central location for his job as New York sales rep for Red Jacket Pumps. In 1958, the Ryans moved to Stanley Manor in Camillus with their two oldest sons. Mr. Ryan continued to work for Red Jacket for 37 years, retiring as northeast sales manager in 1987. He was a member of Fairmount Community Church for 43 years, serving as usher, deacon, and treasurer. An avid local sports fan, he was passionate about the Syracuse Orangeman and West Genesee Wildcats, particularly the Wildcat marching band. In 2004, he moved to Quail Summit in Canandaigua, to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Mr. Ryan was predeceased in 1997 by his beloved wife Joy. He is survived by his sons Keith of Long Valley, NJ, Tim of Hackettstown, NJ, Michael of Victor, NY, his older sister Mildred of Cedar Rapids, IA, his sisters-in-law Ruth Ryan and Jeanette Long, six grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews. Calling hours are 4 to 7 PM

Thursday at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus. Services are 11 am Friday at Fairmount Community Church, 4801 West Genesee Street, the Reverend Gary Ferner presiding. Burial is in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Warners. Memorial contributions may be made to Fairmount Community Church, 4801 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13219; the National Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136-1494; or, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163 Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Ryan Family. We are sorry we never met your father, but his life is a testament to what makes this country great.*

Mark and Linda Hiler - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Please accept our heart felt condolences at the loss of your father. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sirish Musthyala - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My family and I send our deepest sympathies on the death of your father. He is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bill Spronz - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Deepest sympathies at the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.*

Eric & Kathleen Acs - December 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *We wish to extend our sympathy to Kenneth's family. It was so nice getting to be with him when he came back to Ottumwa for Gerald's Memorial Service at Munterville Lutheran Church. It had been years since we had seen him. Thinking of you at this time. Ruth Ryan's sisters Rosemary and Helen*

Rosemary Peterson Helen Eckheart - December 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *My deepest condolences to the Ryan family and may many fond memories of your father help you and your family through this troubling time-Bill Papa*

Bill Papa - December 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *To the Family of Ken Ryan: I write to express our sympathy at the passing of a father, grandfather, avid SU Fan and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sadness and separation. May God wrap you in warm and loving arms. Sue Gibson and Ben Gibson*

Susan & Ben Gibson - December 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *I only met Ken Ryan one time (at a restaurant where he was with his son Tim), and I will always remember him as a dynamic and friendly man. I came to know him through Tim and learned of his service to our nation and the strong family values he passed on to his sons.*

Edward Ernstrom - December 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM