



Michael James Ryan

December 23, 1954 - January 10, 2018

Michael James Ryan, 63, of Camillus passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday. Born in Syracuse he graduated from West Genesee in 1973, SUNY-ESF Ranger School at Wanakena in 1978 and Upstate Medical Center in 1986. He was a Physical Therapist for over 29 years for both Riccardi & Burton PT and later Performance Physical Therapy in Fulton. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking, his music, and loved the outdoors, lacrosse and bonfires. He was a licensed Private Pilot. Michael was pre-deceased by his parents Bob and Ella Ryan; a sister Martha (Ryan) Harwood.

He is survived by his daughters Noelle Corrado (Christopher Karn), Kyla Ryan, Breanne Ryan all of Baldwinsville and their mother Kimberley Ferguson; three brothers Tom (Kimberly), Danny and Bob (Barbara) Ryan; a sister Sister Mary Johanna Ryan, CSJ; two grandchildren Isabella Corrado and Ryan Porter; several nieces and nephews; many close friends and his trusty companion Doyle. His passing has left a void which we hope his friends can help fill with sharing stories of his life either in person or online.

Calling Hours will be 4 to 6:30 pm Tuesday, Jan 16th at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. A Celebration of his life with food and fellowship will follow at 7 pm at Camillus Elks Lodge, 6110 Newport Rd, Camillus. In the spirit of Michael, dress is casual.

Contributions may be made to Syracuse Habitat for Humanity, 901 Oak St.,
Syracuse, NY 13203. <http://www.syracusehabitat.org>

Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Celebration of Life

JAN **16**. 7:00 PM (ET)

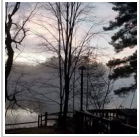
Camillus Elks Lodge #0031
6117 Newport Rd
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3106
camilluselks@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Michael, We miss you already. David and Linda Lingyak*

David Lingyak - January 18, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *Tommy, Danny, Bobby and Mary,
I am so sorry for your loss. I'm also sorry I was unable to attend the services. Mike was one of my best friends growing up, he was kind, one of the funniest people I have ever known and we had a great time. We drove cars in your fields, we camped out in the woods, drank wine at The Farm, listened to Black Sabbath, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Woodstock, The Beatles and more in your freezing upstairs bedrooms. I loved stopping in on Christmas to visit and I always felt like family. I know Mike felt like a part of our family my mom and dad loved him and it was as common for him to be at our house as it was for me to be at yours. While we did not get together regularly or often I found it comforting that he was there if I wanted to stop by or call (I wish now I had done it sooner and more often). My circle of people that I consider "friends" is relatively small and Mike was a big part of that circle and just the thought that he is no longer "here" makes this world seem colder and darker. He was a beautiful person and I will miss him.*

Billy Sherwood

William Sherwood - January 17, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JD

“ *I attended Ranger School with Mike. He was a great guy - kind and funny. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Joanne Dunkle

joanne dunkle - January 17, 2018 at 06:14 AM

RN

“ I ‘m so sad that Mike has passed so soon from life.
I remember Mike as a very friendly person with such a happy smile
and great handshake to greet you.
Having known Mike thru school years at West Genesee, we ran into
each other just this past year, 2017 at the Green Gate, where we
shared our thoughts on our music passion.
The world will be short one more great person. Peace brother.
With love to Kim and girls, peace to you all
Robert Nogash

Robert Nogash - January 16, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Michael James Ryan.



January 16, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Michael James Ryan.



January 16, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 16, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 16, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *I am in Shock stil.Mike was the best Pt ever.He made it fun even when you were in such pain..He was very caring and not just your PT. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family.*

karen hutchinson - January 16, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Dooley and Terry Kennedy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



Dooley and Terry Kennedy - January 16, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 15, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 15, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss...a contribution in Michael's name to Habitat for Humanity has been made to honor his generosity and love for his fellow man. Andrea*

Andrea Reeves - January 15, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 15, 2018 at 03:57 PM

“ I knew Mike Ryan for over 40 years...as a great teammate in High School playing Football and Lacrosse, as a Brother-in Law raising our families together in California and New York State, as a Co-Worker, be it in Tahoe working on a custom house for some 'Big Shot' up in the Sierra Mountains, or helping him on his home in Baldwinsville. I remember him mostly as a friend....a friend that you could come to with any question or problem and he would really listen to what you had to say. He would then challenge you to look at whatever question or problem you had in a different perspective in a way only Mike could. He didn't always have the answer, but after talking to him ,the right thing to do seemed a lot clearer!

So whether as a teammate, leading by example and never 'taking a play off' (I remember one time playing Lacrosse at West Genesee, a player from the other team asked Mike ' Don't you guys ever get tired?'.....Mike just looked at him and told him "This is easy...that 'Game Day' was OUR 'day off' from running"), or as a Brother-in Law, Mike invited us over to the house in Baldwinsville for a B.Q. Mike told everyone that it was such a nice day outside, we will eat on the picnic table. Everyone thought that was a great idea but there was only one problem.....they didn't have a picnic table!! Mike asked everyone "What ails ya?" by the time the B.Q. was done Mike and I built a picnic table for everyone to sit at (Mike's idea. Not mine)brilliant!! Or as a Co-Worker (I will never forget the time we were working on a house in San Jose, CA listening to the radio and Mike was singing to Rolling Stones song at the top of his lungs "I'll never be your PIZZA BURNING" and I said what did you say? He said "I'll never be your pizza burning why?" When I told him that it's "I'll never be your BEAST OF BURDEN" we laughed so hard we had to take a break because our stomachs hurt from laughing so hard!!!

One last story.....Mike called me up one day right before Xmas and told me about this wonderful beef stew he made on a stormy winter day. He looked around his house for some bread to dip in his creation but soon realized he didn't have any. Well "you have GOT

to have bread when you have stew" he told me. So out he went into the winter storm to get some bread, he had to have some bread for the stew! The drive as he put it was treacherous, on the way to the store he came upon a car that needed help. So Mike being Mike, stopped and helped them get back on their way, then he noticed he was almost out of gas so he is on his way to the gas station slipping and sliding the whole way barely making it! He gets his gas and finally gets to his house and just when he pulls into the driveway....he remembers why he went out in the first place.....TO GET BREAD FOR THE STEW. He tells me, 'no way is he going back out there to get some bread'. So now he's walking up to his door and he notices a package on his door step. He picks the package, brings it inside and he said it came from you, out in California. He opens up the box and he can't believe his eyes.....the box is full of bread (we sent it to Mike as a X-mas gift)!!! He said it was a miracle, a gift from heaven. Then of course Mike being Mike said, "I can't believe I wasted my one wish on bread!"

I'm going to miss you Mike Ryan.....we all are going to miss you!

Rick Pierleoni

Rick Pierleoni - January 15, 2018 at 03:20 PM

DD

Great stories! Sounds so much like Mike. DD

Dennis Doyle - January 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM

GR

Hi Rick what a great post, two years down the road and I still miss him. Irony of ironies Danny passed away yesterday, I guess the greatest tribute is to live our best life every day not wwjd but what would the ones we love do. Peace be with you

greg - January 11, 2020 at 06:29 PM

NC

*Rick, I stumbled across Dad's obit looking for a different one (so sad- he just graduated from HS)
Anyway, I read your memories again and I needed to thank you for this. I know I meant to at the time, so if I didn't, thank you so much for sharing your stories-they bring him back to life for a moment ❤️*

Noelle Corrado - July 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

PS

“ *Dear Family,
I wish I could be there to grieve with you. I spent some very special time with Mike (my cousin and genetic sibling) last July and August during the weeks leading up to Tim's passing. My thoughts are with all of you
Pat Ryan Staats
St. Petersburg Florida*



Pat Staats. - January 15, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Susan McClure purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Michael James
Ryan.*



Susan McClure - January 15, 2018 at 01:39 PM

BQ

“ *i only knew Mike in high school but I do remember him to be a genuine soul...May god bless him...*

Bob Quinn - January 15, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.*



January 15, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *Michael, gentle soul and friend from high school whose greetings so often cheered me, sorry to see you depart so soon. You, your laughter, and humor will be missed by many. Peace, prayers, love to you, your family, and love ones.*



Steve Fraser - January 15, 2018 at 01:07 AM



“ *Dear Sister Johanna & Family,
My heartfelt prayers and love to all. May He who knows your sorrow bring peace, comfort, and healing to your souls.*

Sincerely,

Julia Shafer

Julia Shafer - January 14, 2018 at 07:15 PM

JO

“ Mike was a great high school friend; we shared good times on the sports field, hundreds of songs sung out of key, and way too many cans of beer. Sad you had to leave so soon. I will always remember you and smile.

John Onacki

John J Onacki - January 14, 2018 at 06:02 PM

TK

“ I am so saddened by Mike's passing. Mike was part of my life from my earliest memories, and was like a brother to me. He made me feel good any time I saw him, and he had a great way of letting you know that he valued your friendship and cared about you. So many conversations about so many topics, and always genuine and straight forward. Sometimes personal things, painful things, nothing was off limits. And he listened as much as he talked. A great story teller, a great wit and sense of humor. I can still hear his laugh. He had a wonderful appreciation for the simple things in life, nature, friends and family, and wasn't shy about showing it. He made me think, he made me feel, he enriched my life just by knowing him. I am so fortunate that he was my friend, and I will miss him deeply.

Tom Dooley Kennedy

Tom Dooley Kennedy - January 14, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Ryan.



January 14, 2018 at 09:47 AM

BS

“ I’m just heartbroken to hear of Mike’s passing. I have so many happy memories of life in the Kennedy/Ryan compound. Mike was always quick with a joke and had such an easy way to make anyone he met smile. To say he will be missed is an understatement, but there is no doubt that he will always be remembered as a wonderful man. Sending my love to all the Ryan clan.

Barb Kennedy Smith

Barb Kennedy Smith - January 14, 2018 at 08:53 AM

SC

“ To Mike's family,

I was shocked to see that Mike had passed away. I remember Mike when I had to go to physical therapy for my shoulder at Performance PT in Fulton. He was outgoing and very personable that he made the appointment stress free. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time

Sue Cleland - January 14, 2018 at 08:34 AM

GC

“ To all of the Ryan family--so very sorry for the loss of Michael. We shared many family gatherings for many years. Sincerely, Carl and Gail Christensen

Gail Christensen - January 14, 2018 at 08:13 AM

CB

“ *Sister Johanna and Family:
I am so very, very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Deepest Sympathy,
Love,
Cora Berry*

Cora Berry - January 14, 2018 at 08:10 AM

CM

“ *I use to always enjoy when Mike would come to our Elbridge to cover. He loved telling stories and talking about his projects. I will miss when answering the phone and hearing on the other end Michael J Ryan here. My heart goes out to his family. He will sadly be missed.*

Cindy Miller - January 14, 2018 at 06:58 AM

EB

“ *The Ryans and Kennedy kids were the life of North Street. We're sorry to read of Mike's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ray and Belle Brown*

E.Belle Brown - January 14, 2018 at 06:11 AM

DK

“ *Having worked with Mike for almost 30 years, we had many laughs & many tears. We shared a friendship that I treasured dearly. He adored his family & was often showing his patients pictures of them that he so proudly had hanging on the wall by his desk. I have so many stories but most of them I would need to share in person. My heart goes out to all his family. He will never be far from our thoughts, but forever in our hearts.*

Donna Kelly - January 13, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ *Bob and I are very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Bob has many happy memories of him during his time with Riccardi & Burton PT and as former neighbors in B'ville. I knew Mike while he was a PT student at Upstate. We shared a lot of laughs with Mike (and perhaps a beer or two). Thinking of your family, Bob and Janet Burton*

Janet Burton - January 13, 2018 at 01:43 PM

LA

*Our hearts go out to the Ryan clan -those in name and those in spirit. We are thankful for Mike's years of love and friendship. His was a grand life it was an honor to share it with him.
Ling and Greg*

Ling & Greg Allen - January 14, 2018 at 06:30 AM

DD

Greg, I wish I had known of Mike's passing earlier, I ran into John and Kathy Flanders last night and they shared the news of Mike. You just can't find a greater old friend than Mike. Sadly I only had two get togethers in the last dozen years w Mike but both times very meaningful, what a great guy and great friend. I always love to share stories of "back in the day" and many stories would include stories of Mike. Ya just have to miss those lacrosse days of getting to play a pick up game of corner goal. You were in on several of those, along w Paul Webster, Bob Ohara and Myself. Then of course I worked w Mike and Danny doing framing for about a year. We took turns of driving. Mike would drive one week, me another week, always in cars that would be lucky to survive the next 10 miles. What an awesome guy! My best to you! DD

Dennis Doyle - January 28, 2018 at 11:22 AM

TS

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. My fond memories include how personable and helpful each of you Ryans were to the Brady's. I think of the many times my parents sat and laughed in conversation with you and how you embraced our family with yours. May all the memories you cherish, as well as the support of family and friends, help you during the hard days ahead.
With love, Therese Brady Smith and Family



Therese Brady Smith - January 13, 2018 at 08:29 AM

MD

“ I met Mike when we were p.t. students in 1984. He was a fast and good friend who cared deeply about those close to him and the world he encountered. Mike challenged reality like nobody else and caused all of us to do a little bit of the same. I am sure his family and those he spent time with will miss him a great deal, however he will live on in our memories and the thoughts he got us to try on.

Mike Dee, P.T.
SUNY Upstate P.T. 1986
Charlotte, Vermont

Mike Dee - January 13, 2018 at 08:03 AM

TK

Well said Mike. He cared and he made you think

Tom Dooley Kennedy - January 14, 2018 at 04:11 PM

SG

So sorry we can't be with you all, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love from Arizona, Tom and Sharon

Sharon Gibbons. - January 14, 2018 at 08:11 PM

ST

I ,m a pediatrician(recently retired) with an office downstairs from where Mike did his magic crunching and twisting peoples sore torso, all the while keeping them amused and calm and feeling a heck of a lot better. We often talked about the blessings of being able to help people in distress. He had such a way about him, so caring and kind. When I had my knee surgery, of course he was my guy. I,m so sorry for the pain of his loss to all those many who knew and loved him . He always had that smile for others, even as he dealt with his own issues. My deepest sympathy to the family. Stuart Trust

stuart trust - January 16, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DD

What an awesome old high school buddy/friend. So sorry I was late to find out Mike's passing. So many great memories of being a friend of Mike's. Lacrosse including endless pick up games of corner goal, Earth Science class, trying to meet the 2 Ludden girls from Chemung Street at Lewis Park . . . epic failure there. Hours on end at each others house, Working together for Peter W Kope framing apartments on Morgan Road, 9hrs a day in the blazing sun that summer. On a personal level Mike was always loved meaningful conversations . . . What a great friend! So sorry to his family, prayers and condolences. Dennis Doyle

Dennis Doyle - January 28, 2018 at 11:42 AM