



## Philip K. Ryan

January 17, 1939 - January 15, 2022

Philip Kevin Ryan of Westampton, NJ, born January 17, 1939, and raised in Fairlawn, NJ, passed away on January 15, 2022 at home just as he wished. He was 82, just shy of his birthday.

He was a devout Catholic, and parishioner of 56 years to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. He was a long-standing, dedicated A.O.H. Division 1 member and past secretary of the division who volunteered in many ways and most notably received his Major degree in 2015. A loving, committed husband of 58 years to Elaine Marie Ryan (Pluhar) of East Paterson, NJ, a patient, supportive dad to daughter Camille Marie Ryan her fiancé Michael Haley and son, Colin Philip Ryan his wife, Jennifer Ryan, a gentle, most caring Grandpa to Seth Julius Stellwag, Natus Enduro Ryan, and Judah Colin Ryan, and a genuine, honest, and giving man to all his family and friends near and far.

His strong religious faith kept him humbly thankful and appreciative of his life, his accomplishments, milestones, and most of all (in his wonderful words) “my angel Elaine”, His daughter, Son, and daughter-in-law, and three grandsons. He was always a witty, fun man with a smile even through the long struggle with cancer.

Philip was not only an avid gardener, he was a true animal admirer, supporting local wildlife rescues. But don't let those pesky squirrels and chipmunks disrupt or interfere with his vegetable gardens. Being a sports enthusiast was a past time passion he enjoyed, Notre Dame the Fighting Irish, and yes a NY Mets fan and NY Giants fan. The sharing of his time and energy also went to helping with Saint Vincent de Paul for 20 years, where he and his wife donated days to collection of foods, packaging foods, and delivering care packages around the town to those in need. Keeping perpetual adoration, attending daily mass, and being a secular Franciscan are more examples of Philips love and dedication to his faith and spirituality, and was a source of pride for us all.

His family was his driving force to always be a true example of a great life lived. A strong Irishman, or as the family teased, a stubborn Irishman. Either way, Philip made family a

priority even while being a young army reservist and working at the same time, then later becoming a busy time consuming entrepreneur. The time spent on station wagon road trip vacations will forever be cherished as a family. But what will be an even more lasting memory is how the beach was always the favorite time together spent. Philip grew up with the privilege of a family beach house and continued to share that love of sand and waves with his children and grandsons for many years. Once retired Philip and Elaine got to enjoy trips, seeing and experiencing many beautiful destinations. Making even more cherished memories as a couple. Retirement life together was a wonderful blessing for Elaine and Phil.

Philip Kevin Ryan was the son of Julia Josephine Ryan (Brophy) and James Philip Ryan. He was the youngest of five siblings, Rosemary Stewart, John Ryan, Shiela Gillespie, and Margaret Kane. Philip leaves behind many nieces and nephews and their families as well.

The funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 11:00am Sacred Heart RC Church 260 High St. Mount Holly, NJ 08060. A calling hour will be held at the church from 10:00am until 11:00am. During the visitation a Secular Franciscan and A.O.H. services will be held.

Arrangements are under the care of Perinchief Chapels 438 High St. Mount Holly, NJ 08060.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to any of the following: The Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge 4 Sawmill Rd. Medford, NJ 08055, Sacred Heart Church 260 High St. Mount Holly, NJ 08060, Samaritan Hospice Mount Holly [www.samaritannj.org/donate](http://www.samaritannj.org/donate), or The Burlington County NJ Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1, Inc. 51 Notre Dame Dr. Delran, NJ 08075. [www.perinchief.com](http://www.perinchief.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Est)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

## Funeral Mass

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Est)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Camille,  
Although I never met your Dad our conversations and the sentiments you've shared on this page speak of a wonderful father and man and the many beautiful memories you have. Those memories will live forever and be revisited many times as you all support each other. My thoughts are with you and your family.  
Take care my friend,  
Dori*

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**Dori Audette** - January 23 at 11:32 AM

CR

*Thank you for such kind words Dori.*

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**Camille Ryan** - January 26 at 10:58 AM

TR

“ *Always a gentleman and such a kind hearted soul. Thanks for all the conversations. You will be missed Mr. Ryan. Prayers to your family.  
Go Giants !  
Jay & Trish Saltos*

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**Trish** - January 20 at 01:10 PM

CR

*Thank you so very much.*

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**Camille Ryan** - January 27 at 06:32 PM

JW

“ *Sacred Heart's 7:30 am Mass hasn't been the same without seeing Phil and Elaine.  
I often would tease that the two were flirting. You could see their devotion to each other each Sunday. Phil, you will be remembered fondly and always a part of Sacred Heart Parish.  
  
Joy*

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**Joy Weiler** - January 19 at 06:09 PM

CR

*such a nice observation & very kind words. Thank you Joy.*

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**Camille Ryan** - January 27 at 06:34 PM

CR

“Dad, you helped form, teach, and nurture Seth throughout his life. Always keeping is fun, a real jokester. He is going to miss you, your funny stories, your advice, & your inquiries. As Seth became more of an adult your conversations grew to be as well. You were there to help him buy his car, and even through your difficult times still have the energy to give advice, be proud of his classes he's taking, and have adult conversations about his life now. Seth is a better person because you were in his life. Thank you Daddy. I will miss your advice forever from here on out. But I will remember All the advice you've given me.💔



camille Ryan - January 19 at 12:18 PM

SA

“Memories last forever. Phil a giants fan. Larry my husband, an Eagle fan. A constant battle. Heaven doesn't know what just arrived. Phil always had a hand out to help anybody..He had a true relationship with God here on earth and an unbelievable spiritual strength in his decline.. Rest In Peace my friend . I will miss you.

Sandy - January 19 at 11:34 AM

CR

That's beautiful. Yes the ever famous Giants fandom rivalry.

camille Ryan - January 19 at 11:40 AM

JR

He totally did. He never complained. His last few weeks were a testimony to me for sure. He was amazing.

Jennifer Ryan - January 19 at 07:23 PM

EH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ed Hicks - January 18 at 03:43 PM

EH

*Brother Phil was a true Hibernian in Friendship, Unity and true Christian Charity. In his honor we have created the Philip Ryan Memorial Scholarship Award*

**Ed Hicks** - January 18 at 03:48 PM

CR

*I am so proud of this for my Dad. How absolutely wonderful.*

**camille Ryan** - January 18 at 05:59 PM

JR

*Oh wow. So nice.*

**Jennifer Ryan** - January 18 at 08:39 PM

IP



**Isabel DeDonno Pluhar** - January 22 at 03:15 PM

IP

“ *I had the pleasure of being part of this beautiful family. Phil was such a nice guy. He had a great sense of humor and could always make you laugh or bring a smile to your face. I remember one evening after having dinner at grandma Pluhar's house, coffee, cake and ice cream was served. It was then that Phil showed me how great my coffee could be if I would only try his favorite way of enjoying a cup of coffee.... he made me laugh as he scooped his ice cream into his coffee cup! He was always in good spirits and was a pleasure to be around. Phil will be missed by many. Rest in Heavenly peace Phil. Love and prayers for your journey home to God. Isabel DeDonno Pluhar.* 💙💛💖

**Isabel DeDonno Pluhar** - January 18 at 09:55 AM

JR

“ *We will miss you Dad - Grandpa - Phil. Spring will not be the same without you complimenting my garden and swapping plants with me. I miss you so much already and am grateful for the time my Judah, Natus and Colin and I had to spend with you over the years. We love you Grandpa. You will be so missed and thought about every day. Thank you for the love you showed me.*



**Jennifer Ryan** - January 18 at 09:36 AM



*Phil in highschool*

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**Jennifer Ryan** - January 18 at 09:41 AM