



Robert McCabe Ryan

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Robert “Bobby” McCabe Ryan, 79, of Culpeper, died Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in Charlottesville, VA. He was born February 16, 1945, in Geneva, NY to the late James Hugh Ryan, Jr. and Emily Greene Ryan.

Bobby was an Assistant Scoutmaster and lifeguard with the Boy Scouts. He attended Fork Union Military Academy and became a Lower School Master Sergeant. Bobby was a Veteran of the U.S. Army where he received the Outstanding Soldier of the Quarter Award. He served on the Culpeper Town Council for over 20 years, was a former Vice Mayor, and served on numerous Town Council committees. Bobby was a member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church serving as an usher, vestry member and Sr. Warden.

He was a board member at the Museum of Culpeper History.

Bobby was a past president of the Rotary Club of Culpeper and he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International. Additional capacities in which he served the Culpeper community included Chair of Camp Fantastic for 19 years, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a Culpeper Renaissance member, Chair of Public Safety and Economic Development, Country Club of Culpeper board member, former Vice President of Services for Abused Families, Full Circle Thrift Shop board member, and former member of the Culpeper Jaycees and sponsor of their annual toy drive.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Phyllis “P.J.” Bradshaw Ryan; three children, Christopher McCabe Ryan, Katherine McCabe Ryan Payne (Brandon), and Emily MacRae Ryan; seven grandchildren, Madison C. Settle, Blake M. Settle, Noah L. Payne, Cooper B. Payne, Brittney R. Ryan, Sydney T. Ryan, and Harrison M. Ryan; one great-granddaughter, Stevie Willow Ryan; one sister, Margaret “Peggy” R. Shotwell; five nephews; Andrew S. Kube, Ryan P. Kube, Roger L. Kube, Robert S. Kube, and J. Hugh Ryan, III; and five godchildren, Sarah N. Weber, Felicia T. Wymore, Andrew S. Kube, Philip L. Thornton, IV, and Christopher S. Holloway.



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In addition to his parents, Bobby is preceded in death by one brother, Charles Hugh Ryan; one niece, Courtney Elizabeth Kube; and one nephew, Benjamin Hugh Ryan.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025, at Culpeper Masonic Cemetery with Rev. Trent Moore officiating.

A reception will be held immediately following the graveside service at the Country Club of Culpeper, 2100 Country Club Rd., Culpeper.

Honorary pallbearers will be his five nephews, Andrew, Ryan, Roger, Robert, and Hugh; his godsons, Christopher and Philip; and Darius M. Vesuna, Marshall E. Jenkins and Jeffrey B. Jorgensen.

In Bobby's honor, flowers may be sent, and/or donations may be made to Camp Fantastic by sending a check to Special Love Inc., 158 Front Royal Pike, Suite 301, Winchester, VA 22602.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.




Events


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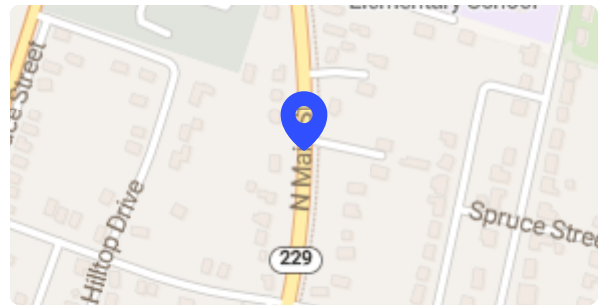
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Graveside

 **Friday**, February 7, 2025


 11:00 AM ET

 **Masonic Cemetery**
N Main St, Culpeper VA 22701

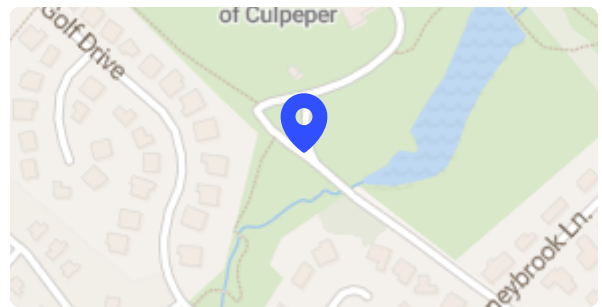


Reception

 **Friday**, February 7, 2025

 12:00 PM ET

 **Country Club of Culpeper**
2100 Country Club Road, Culpeper VA 22701





Tribute Wall

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Amy Frazier lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bobby's legacy in Culpeper is one of dedication, kindness, and service. From Town Council to Rotary, the Chamber, Camp Fantastic, and countless other causes, he gave tirelessly to our community. His leadership and compassion touched many lives, and his impact will be felt for years to come. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will always remain in the town he loved. Rest in peace, Bobby.



February 7 at 10:35 AM



Wes Mayles posted:

Bobby was an amazing man who contributed so much to helping create the community so many of us know and love. He was kind hearted and always had a warm smile and hug for everyone he knew. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and community.

February 7 at 6:29 AM



Wanda Tolson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

One of my most favorite people! Love and condolences to Phyllis, Katherine, and Emily!



February 6 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Ryan family.



February 6 at 9:51 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



February 6 at 9:51 AM



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Steve Kerns sent an Ultimate Snacks Gift Basket to the Ryan family.



February 5 at 12:41 PM



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SK

Steve Kerns posted:

I read with amazement the well-deserved Star Exponent Tribute to Bobby, and I wanted to share my thoughts on what made him a truly special person. Bobby and I grew up close friends and remained so until I left Culpeper in the late 60's and we lost contact, only occasionally seeing him when I would travel into Washington and take a short side trip to Culpeper. Years later-probably about 15 or so years-a gentleman who had worked for me and was a good friend, decided to change jobs after we sold the business of which he was a part, and he ended up relocating to Culpeper. This gentleman was having dinner one night while visiting Culpeper and saw a guy who he later said appeared to know everyone who came into the restaurant. He introduced himself and told Bobby he was a friend of mine. Bobby asked if he had my phone number as we had lost contact. Later that night, I received a call from this gentleman indicating he had given my number to Bobby. He also paid Bobby one of the highest compliments possible, saying "... Bobby was one of the nicest people he had ever met and he felt like he had known him all his life". This was NO small compliment given that this gentleman had lived in a bunch of different places during his career, having been transferred numerous times all over the US, and having worked with thousands of people of all race, color, and creed. He and Bobby became friends, and whenever this gentleman and I would later talk, he always sang Bobby's praises and marveled at everything Bobby was doing, and how much Bobby loved Culpeper. We often referred to Bobby as Mr. Culpeper, or the Ambassador. I have little doubt that Bobby played a part in this gentleman accepting the new position in Culpeper. The next day, I received a call from Bobby, and we picked right up from where we had last talked. We continued to talk frequently after that, usually 5 or 10 times a month. And I made it a point to visit Culpeper more often, usually 3-4 times a year, last visiting in Dec of last year. As always when in town (usually for 3 or 4 days), Bobby would meet me daily for breakfast. On day one we would catch up on each other's families, and brag on the grandkids, and then tour Culpeper, with Bobby showing me all the changes (happenings) since my last visit, exuding so much pride in the town he loved, and always "selling" Culpeper. Each day it was breakfast, touring town, introducing me to new businesses or visiting the police/fire departments, and sometimes visiting old friends, or just "hanging out"-breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but the conversation always revolved around Culpeper. And he absolutely loved The Summer Concert Events, always telling me how much he enjoyed "...shagging" with "my daughters". Then last year when my wife got sick, and later passed away, Bobby called me almost every single day checking on my wife, and then on me. I know he often did this with his friends in Culpeper during difficult times, but I found it almost unbelievable that he took the time to do likewise for someone many miles away, and whom he saw only several times a year. I know you family, like his friends, will miss Bobby greatly, but I hope you take comfort in knowing how much he loved each of you, how much he was loved by so many in the Culpeper community, and knowing what a truly EXCEPTIONAL individual he was. Though I'm sure the last couple of weeks of Bobby's life were extremely tough for all, I'm equally sure that Bobby gave thanks that he lived long enough to tell each of his family one last time just how much he loved them, and that he was also able to hear you guys tell him the same. I'm sure that meant a lot to him. I thank God that I was lucky enough to call Bobby my friend. RIP MY DEAR FRIEND! JOB WELL DONE! I WILL MISS YOU GREATLY, AND I LOVE YOU! TILL WE MEET AGAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE, WHERE I KNOW YOU WILL BE WAITING TO GIVE ME A TOUR OF YOUR NEW HOME, and your AMBASSADOR WORK WILL CONTINUE. Steve Kerns



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SK

February 1 at 3:05 PM

SM

Steve & Frances Miller planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



February 5 at 7:49 AM

SM

Steve & Frances Miller sent a Written in the Stars to the Ryan family.



February 5 at 7:49 AM

RP

Richard & Connie Phelps lit a candle in honor of Robert.



February 4 at 9:26 AM

Anonymous icon

Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ryan family.



February 4 at 7:44 AM

HS

Holloway'S/Rueger'S sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ryan family.



February 4 at 6:49 AM

EJ

Eric, Leslie, Morgan, Marley, & Judy planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



February 4 at 5:57 AM



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EJ

Eric, Leslie, Morgan, Marley, & Judy sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Ryan family.

February 4 at 5:57 AM



SB

Sharon Brown lit a candle in honor of Robert.

February 3 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ryan family.

February 3 at 8:33 AM



TC

Town Of Culpeper Mayor And Council sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Ryan family.

February 3 at 5:32 AM



TF

Thomson Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.

February 2 at 11:46 PM



TF

Thomson Family sent a Deepest Faith to the Ryan family.

February 2 at 11:46 PM





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KS

Kitten Stearns posted:

I am so saddened to hear of Bobby's passing . He was a large part of my life in Culpeper growing up and no one has ever had a bigger heart and soul than Bobby. His love and pride for the Town of Culpeper shows with all his accomplishments and contributions he made over the years. I know he will be missed by many . We spoke on the phone every now and then and we always picked up right where we left off some 60 plus years ago. He truly was an eternal dear friend. My sincerest condolences to PJ and his family. I know many are welcoming him in heaven now with open arms and hugs. Kitten

February 1 at 3:05 PM

DS

Dave Smith February 11 at 1:46 PM

So very sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. I'll always remember the warm smile and friendly handshake with which he greeted me and the entire Camp Fantastic group when we arrived for Farm Day each August. He helped create an amazing experience for our campers and was a true friend to Special Love. I'm sorry I was out of town for his memorial service but have no doubt it was a standing-room-only crowd thanks to the incredible impact he had on the Culpeper community. My deepest sympathies to his family, as well as my appreciation for remembering Special Love and Camp Fantastic for gifts in his memory. Until we meet again on the other side, I will remember him fondly. Dave Smith, Director Camp Fantastic

RP

Ricky Pinksaw February 3 at 10:51 AM

My condolences to the Ryan Family. I was deeply saddened when I heard about Bobby's passing. Bobby loved his family, and he loved the Town of Culpeper!! He was a true public servant and his volunteerism was amazing. I truly believe that our greatest blessings from the Lord are the people that God puts in our paths. I was truly blessed to have been able to call Bobby one of my friends. Rest in Peace, my friend! You will be missed.

EJ

Earle Jillson February 3 at 3:24 AM

A lot of fine memories from the late 1960's forward. Bobby will be missed. Blessings to PJ and Family. Rest in Peace Bobby. Earle and Janet Jillson

WG

Wayne Grimsley February 2 at 9:11 AM

You're going to be missed my friend. RIP as your work for your community is done.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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