



## Richard L. Ryan

October 20, 1947 - February 20, 2024

Richard L. Ryan, 76, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

A service and celebration of Richard's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, at

All Faiths Funeral Home with military honors provided by the U.S. Navy and the United Veterans Honor Guards.

There is a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left at [www.giafffaiths.com](http://www.giafffaiths.com). The full obituary will follow.

Richard was born on October 20, 1947, in Grand Island, NE, the son of James Ryan and Betty (Brenecke) Ryan.

During Richard's childhood years his family moved many times. He attended schools in Colorado, Texas, Kansas, and Nebraska. He graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1966. After graduation Richard joined the Navy where he became a Corpsman and attended classes to become an Operating Room Surgical Technician. The next two years Richard was stationed in two different hospitals. (San Diego and LeMoore, California) as an OR Technician. His fourth year Richard was given orders to go to DeNang, Vietnam.

Following his tour in Vietnam, Richard returned to Grand Island where he worked at the VA Medical Center as a Surgical Technician for more than 30 years. When he returned from Vietnam he met and married his first wife. To this union three children were born, Kevin, Aaron, and Kelly Ryan.

Richard joined the Army National Guard and served as an infantry man. He also served in the Army Reserve as a Medic. His final military experience was in the Navy Reserves where he was stationed in Bahrain, as an operating room technician during Desert Storm in 1991. A few months after returning home from Bahrain, Rich was united in marriage to his friend, soulmate, and love of his life, Kristi. To this union one son, Austin, was born. Rich was also a stepfather to stepchildren, Chad and Jessica.

Richard was witty and enjoyed making others laugh. He treasured time spent with family and friends. He looked forward to his Sunday coffee dates with his wife. He loved to fish, hunt, bowl, watch Nebraska Football and Volleyball. He loved watching the New York Yankees, his favorite baseball team.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Kristi; his sons, Kevin Ryan of Cincinnati, Ohio, Aaron Ryan of Queen Creek, Arizona, and Austin Ryan (Lynn) of Lexington, Kentucky; his daughter, Kelly Ryan of Omaha, Nebraska; stepson, Chad Wetzel of Omaha, Nebraska and stepdaughter, Jessica Becker (Ryan) of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren, Jessie, Cameron, Natalie, Nathan, MacKenzie, Landon, Preston, Sofia, and Sam; nieces, Jessica, Sarah, Christiane, Jennifer and nephew, Eric and their families; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Tom and Amy Seadore.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Teresa; brothers, Kurt and Rodney; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

A special thank you goes out to Oncologist, Dr. Crockett, as well as all of the nursing staff at the Regional Cancer Center that treated and cared for Richard during his fight with cancer. Richard's family would also like to thank Aseracare for the wonderful care they provided for us.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
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allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard L. Ryan*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - March 08, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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“ *We enjoyed having Rick and Kristi as neighbors those many years ago. Rick was always ready with a smile and a greeting and pleasant neighborly talk. May the angels come to greet him and take him home and may the special memories of treasured times give you comfort and peace. Offering prayers and our sympathy to Kristi and family...*

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**Steve & Cheri Schmidt** - March 08, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Ryan.*



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March 07, 2024 at 10:39 PM

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“ Jessie Hall Ben Holen Rick Hall Deb Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard L. Ryan.

Jessie Hall Ben Holen Rick Hall Deb Hall - March 07, 2024 at 10:39 PM

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“ After returning from Viet Nam, I was a patient at GI Vets Hospital for 10 days, the summer of 1972. Rich was one of the people that took care of me. He was a very bright, positive, and inspirational individual with a great bedside manner. He was a pleasure to be around him. I was lucky to have him take care of me. His attitude had a lasting impression on me. We have lost one of the Good Ones. Rest in Peace my Friend.  
Ken Graus, Lexington, NE

Kenneth Graus - March 06, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Richard L. Ryan.



March 04, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. Ryan.



March 04, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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“ Duane & Janet Spiker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard L. Ryan.



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**Duane & Janet Spiker** - March 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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“ Jack and Victoria wagner (kevins “kin”) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard L. Ryan.



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**Jack and Victoria wagner (kevins “kin”)** - February 29, 2024 at 07:24 PM

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“ Jack and Victoria wagner (kevins “kin”) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard L. Ryan.

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**Jack and Victoria wagner (kevins “kin”)** - February 29, 2024 at 07:24 PM