



Colonel James "Jim" Hyland Ryan

November 13, 1935 - October 11, 2025

Colonel (Ret) James "Jim" Hyland Ryan, of Littleton, Colorado, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2025, at the age of 89. He was born on November 13, 1935, in Chateaugay, New York, a small town that shaped his enduring love of country, faith, and family.

Jim dedicated his life to service — to his God, family, nation, and community. A proud officer in the United States Air Force and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (Class of 1958), Col Ryan served with distinction over a long and honorable career, earning the Legion of Merit Medal. The highlight of his career was Commander of the 4315th Missile Combat Training Squadron at Vandenberg AFB in the 1980s. His leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to his country left an indelible mark on those who served beside him.

Beyond his military career, Jim was first and foremost a husband, father, and grandfather. The son of Francis T. and Mary (Hyland) Ryan of Chateaugay, NY, he is survived by his devoted wife, Doreen Roach Ryan (born in Plattsburgh, NY), his six children and their spouses — Sean Ryan (Glenda Ryan), Kathleen Ryan (Noel Coyne), Patrick Ryan (Cheryl Ryan), Colleen Ryan-Mallon (Charles Mallon), Maureen O'Brien (Patrick O'Brien), and Timothy Ryan (Rose Lieu) — fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, sister Maureen Donoghue, and brothers Kevin Ryan and Steve Ryan. His legacy of love, faith, and laughter lives on through them.

Jim will be remembered for his steadfast faith, his great storytelling and

humor, his unwavering positive attitude, and nights at the piano leading the room in renditions of "Those Were The Days."

A funeral mass will be held at Light of the World Catholic Church in Littleton, Colorado, to honor his life and service. Following the service, he will be laid to rest in Chateaugay, New York, the hometown that always held his heart.

Col (Ret) James Hyland Ryan lived a life defined by faith, duty, and love. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Burial will be held in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
132 West Main Street
Chateaugay, NY 12920

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Ryan Family,*

Our families go wayback to our Moms being friends & classmates. I was friends with Maureen & Kevin and have fond memories of the family.

With sympathy and prayers, Margaret Lambert Guthrie and Robert

Margaret Lambert Guthrie - October 31, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ *To the Jim Ryan family,*

With our deepest sympathy. The spirit of Jim's loving heart will live in memories. Eighty-nine years is a long and well-lived life. He was an extraordinary man, a colonel in the United States Air Force who dedicated his life to service and duty, and a devoted family man who built a remarkable legacy. May you take comfort in the sweet memories of a beautiful life. He will be remembered and missed by so many. With Sympathy,

John Hyland and family Kathy, Martha, Sara

Kathy Hyland - October 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM