



Robert E. Ryan

September 23, 1923 - November 12, 2025

Dateline: Godfrey

Robert E. Ryan, 102, died at 1:54 a.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at St. Luke's Surrey Place in Chesterfield, MO. Born September 23, 1923 in Alton, he was the son of Martin G. and Mary Therese (Flynn) Ryan. Mr. Ryan served as a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and was a P.O.W. in Germany. He was a lawyer in Alton since 1953 and a life long member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. On September 3, 1955 he married the former Mary Jane Yenny in Alton. She preceded him in death on January 15, 2013. Surviving are two daughters, Susan Martin (James) of St. Louis, MO and Kathleen Lang (Dave) of Atlanta, GA, three grandchildren, Anne Martin (Seamus McMahan), Tess Martin, and Leslie Lang and one daughter in law, Angela Ryan. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Matthew Edward Ryan, one brother, John Ryan, and four sisters, Elizabeth Davey, Martha Kulp, Jeanette McCarthy, and Mary Therese "Babe" Haxel. Visitation will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 16, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 17, 2025 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Father Jeff Holtman will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military honors. Memorials may be made to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church or Masses. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Mellaney G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Ryan.

Mellaney G. - November 16, 2025 at 11:25 AM

RH

“ Robet H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Ryan.

Robet H. - November 16, 2025 at 10:13 AM

SF

“ Sue's piano students and their families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert E. Ryan.



Sue's piano students and their families - November 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ryan.



November 14, 2025 at 02:43 PM

LF

“ Love, The Ruth and Paul McMahon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Ryan.

Love, The Ruth and Paul McMahon Family - November 14, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ryan.



November 14, 2025 at 10:01 AM

CC

“ Cecily, Susan, Lynn, Justine and Cathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Ryan.

Cecily, Susan, Lynn, Justine and Cathy - November 14, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MR

“ Martha Mary Rankin lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Ryan



Martha Mary Rankin - November 13, 2025 at 03:18 PM