



Doran Eugene Ryan

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Doran Eugene Ryan was born on October 30, 1940 in Des Moines Iowa, son of Eugene & Dorothy (De Moss) Ryan. He died in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on Thursday, April 8th, 2021. He was 80 years of age.

A full and active life, Doran served in the Air Force from 1964 – 1998 retiring as a "Full Bird" Colonel. Doran's career started in dentistry. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1973 then practiced as an Oral & Maxillofacial surgeon becoming a renowned surgeon, mentor and pioneer in the field of TMJ surgery. He practiced at University of Colorado, University of Wisconsin, and in Oshkosh at Mercy hospital culminating at Froedtert in Milwaukee. Doran received numerous awards and recognition for his work and contribution to the medical field. His life passions were medicine, sports and his family.

Doran is survived by his wife of 42 years Helen Ryan and children Michael (Laura) Ryan, Holly (Randy) Vitek, Sean Ryan, Kelly (Troy) Ryan, Craig (Hollie) Geisendorff, and Tim (Jordan) Ryan, beloved grandchildren Kevin, Keri, Pierce, Kate and Jameson, brother Kevin (Debbie) Ryan.

Visitation will take place at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home in Oshkosh WI on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Visitation will also be held at the church on Saturday from 10:00 am until the time of Mass. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Saturday, April 17th at 11:00 am at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Oshkosh.



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RS

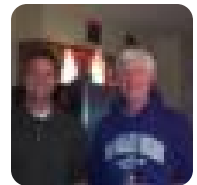
Robert D Schwartz posted:

It was a privilege and honor for me to be a colleague and friend of Doran. Spending time with Doran was such a treat. His warm and glowing smile was infectious. I had nothing but great admiration for Doran for his dedication to his family, faith and profession. My heart goes out to Helen and their beautiful family and pray that they find peace as they grieve this momentous loss. May you RIP Doran, you will surely be missed. Bob Schwartz

April 17 at 7:44 AM

LP

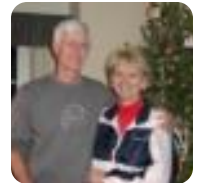
Linda Planning shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 16 at 9:16 AM

LP

Linda Planning shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 16 at 9:15 AM

LP

Linda Planning posted:

I have had the pleasure of spending almost every Christmas with Doran and his clan for the last 20 years. There are so many wonderful, loving memories I will hold in my heart. Doran's laugh and happy disposition helped make every Christmas special. He will be deeply missed. Linda Planning "Happy thoughts of good times past make memories that last and last" ~anonymous

April 16 at 9:08 AM

LM

Len Morrow posted:

From the first time I met Doran, we developed a special bond of friendship as brothers, which far exceeded any professional admiration or relationship. Our friendship spanned both years and distance .. never faltering. My life, and Marilyn's life, was better because Doran so unconditionally shared his life with us. I love you, Doran, and know that you are now playing CF for the God Squad in Heaven. May God rest your precious soul. Marilyn and Len Morrow

April 14 at 6:02 AM



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PR

Pat Riggio posted:

Doran was always fun and good natured. Our families shared many many holidays and good times together. It was a pleasure knowing him. He will be missed

April 12 at 12:56 PM

JP

Jim Paulick posted:

I will miss having our baseball talks as well as chatting about our kids and families. You have been a great friend and I will Miss you.

April 12 at 12:50 PM

DK

Deb Radtke-Kaczmarek posted:

I spent many years as one of Dr. Ryan's patients. He was so kind and we always had fun to help make the pain less. Such a great sense of humor and wonderful bedside manner. I have so many great memories of him from Froedert and having the privilege of being friends with him on Facebook. My sympathies go out to the entire family for God has received an angel. Prayers for the family

April 10 at 6:19 AM

BR

Bill Ritter posted:

I was saddened to hear about Doran's passing. While our only memories are from the game we love, baseball, there are many that will be cherished forever. Doran was the consummate team player, always with a positive attitude. Playing in Cooperstown with Doran, Mike, Kevin and Tim was always a pleasure and the best part of the entire baseball season. Of course with Helen and Laura as our biggest and sometimes only fans. I love the Ryan family and will miss Doran's smile, calm attitude, humility and emails. It was a true honor calling Doran a friend. God bless the entire family at this time of loss and I look forward to seeing Doran "on the otherside".Bill Ritter

April 10 at 5:51 AM



Laura Ryan April 21 at 6:48 AM

Thank you for the memory Bill. I know that playing in Cooperstown with his sons, grandson, you and Charlene was one of his most cherished memories. We were hoping to get out there one more time with all four of us, but unfortunately we never had the chance.Mike



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RB

Robert Brockett posted:

I spent 4 months with Doran in '83, from Nov-Feb, in the frozen north (from Florida). It was the warmest winter of my life, because of Doran. He made me part of his Milwaukee family (a visiting resident from Miami). He took me downtown to play full-court basketball with some of his friends. I'm in my late 20's; Doran has to be 40. I learned a bit of humility that evening. The guy was a stone-cold killer on the court! He taught me how to have that same humility with the most difficult patients, who seem to be the majority of his patients (he saw everyone else's surgical "misadventures"). He and Helen had me in his home. They set me up with a charming young lady (I was single at the time). This time in Milwaukee was the highlight of my residency. Our world is a bit less bright today, with Doran's spirit being gone. But that same spirit shines in Heaven today. I look forward to the day I can get the man on a heavenly basketball court, with my new body; maybe then I can hang with him...

April 10 at 1:04 AM

MH

Mike Hanneman posted:

The world lost a legendary human being. I will miss our lengthy discussions regarding dentistry, sports, and life lessons at the YMCA. Sometimes we'd even get a little exercise in! Deepest sympathies to Helen and the entire Ryan family. Embrace the memories! Mike Hanneman and Karen Dustrude

April 9 at 5:53 PM

DH

Diane Ross Hill posted:

Heartfelt sympathies to all of Doran's family at this very sad time. He was a great friend ~ he sat behind me in all high school classes as our initials were the same then. I and all who knew Doran loved the gentle person he was. Always looked forward to his FB posts and will miss being in touch. Proud to have known Dr. Ryan, and he is certainly in Heaven with God. RIP Dear Friend 😊❤️

April 9 at 5:32 PM

EH

Ed Heinzelman posted:

I had the very rewarding opportunity to play baseball with Doran for a number of years in the Milwaukee Men's Senior Baseball League. He was one of the nicest guys that I have even known. I was motivated by his love of the game and his willingness to help the team in anyway that he could! I am proud to have known him.

April 9 at 5:24 PM



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BW

Ben Wanezek posted:

Loved having our weekly chats @ the Y and share stories about baseball & sports. We miss you down here Doran. God gained an angel, an angel in his outfield. God bless Doran & Ryan family. 🙏

April 9 at 5:06 PM

BI

Barb And Tom Immel posted:

I had the opportunity to work with Dr Ryan for many years. It was a joy and honor. He always put others first, and was always there to help you if you needed it. He would make time to sit and talk to you. He could always put a smile on your face no matter how bad your day was going. I will miss him. He will always have a special spot in my heart. I truly believe he is in a better place and I'm sure he is playing baseball, and having a blast. Our deepest condolences Helen and your entire family. Barb and Tom Immel

April 9 at 4:39 PM

LA

Lauren Abbott posted:

I have so many great memories I could share, but not just one would do it justice. So many wonderful Christmases, so much laughter, love and kindness. The barking dogs, late night movies before mass, and wonderful family time we've all shared is truly treasured. The Ryan clan lost a huge piece of its Celtic knot heart. All my love to you all, and I'm sorry I can't be there in person to hug each of you. A huge, heartfelt condolence to all in the Ryan Family. -Lauren Abbott

April 9 at 3:59 PM

BB

Brian & Shelly Beyer posted:

My wife and I first met Dr. Ryan in 1998. Shelly was a patient of his for quite a few years, and even followed him when he went back to Milwaukee towards the end of his practice. What a fantastic Dr. and an even more gentle soul. During all our visits he always made us smile even on the worst days. We are forever grateful for your wisdom, knowledge, and friendship. Rest In Peace 🙏 Our sincere condolences to the entire Ryan family. He will always be in our thoughts.

April 9 at 3:56 PM

BI

Barb And Tom Immel April 9 at 4:21 PM

I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Ryan for many years, which was an honor. I learned so much from him. He could always make you smile no matter how bad things were. I am deeply saddened by his passing but I know he is in a better place playing baseball and having a blast. Our sincere condolences to Helen and the entire family. Barb and Tom Immel



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RR

Robin Ryan posted:

Love you Uncle Doran! We will miss you! Sending love to Helen, Mike, Laura, Holly, Kelly, Sean, and Tim and the rest of the family!

April 9 at 3:51 PM

MS

Merille Mullis Slick posted:

So sorry to hear ...we were classmates...a gentle soul..

April 9 at 2:49 PM

LR

Laura Ryan shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have so many great memories of my father in law. Our holidays, family times, Cooperstown baseball tournaments I could fill a book. One memory that I feel encapsulates him the best for me is when I was just dating Mike my parents had Doran pull my wisdom teeth. My mom appreciated knowing she had direct contact with my doctor if anything went wrong afterwards. When it was time to get my stitches out instead of setting up an appointment at the office he had me come over to their house. Over the kitchen table with Mike holding a flashlight over me Doran made sure everything was good and removed the stitches. His relaxed attitude, easy going nature and unassuming personality was admirable. I thank him for sharing his son with me and allowing me to be a true Ryan. I will miss him and he will be forever in my thoughts and memory.



April 9 at 4:29 AM

BS

Barney Slowey April 15 at 4:45 PM

My condolences Helen to you and your family. I played Senior Softball with Doran on the Pro Life Team for several years and he was a great Teammate. It goes without saying that he was very talented yet I remember most his love for the game.but when it was over he was that even keeled guy with a great sense of humor. He offered me a place to stay in St George and it was one of favorite times in all my years. He was not only an outstanding player ...more importantly he was an outstanding man!! He was an impact in my life

GM

Gary Meyer April 9 at 4:11 PM

So sorry to hear of Doran's(Doc) passing. He was one of the truly good guys, always happy, and he overcame many hardships in the last few years. I enjoyed playing ball with him for the last 11 years and getting to know not only him, but Helen as well. I first met him in San Francisco playing together in the Senior Olympics. Susan and I will miss him very much. Stay strong Helen and the rest of the Ryan family.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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