



## Billie Katherine Ryan

February 20, 1928 - October 17, 2021

Billie Katherine Ryan daughter of James Franklin and Essie Inez Riley, was born in Weslaco, Texas on February 20, 1928. She lived the most of her life in Mercedes, Texas. She passed away on Sunday October 17, 2021 in Jourdanton, Texas at the age of 93-year-old.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Derrelene LaMantia of San Antonio; Patti (Don) Hemme of Pleasanton, Texas; Tammye (Jerry) DuBose of Webster, Texas; and one son, Bruce Ryan of Pleasanton, Texas. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 5 great- great- grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Billy Joe Ryan, her parents James Franklin Riley and Essie Inez Riley, her brothers J.E. Riley, Mary Frances Pemelton, Derrell Vernon Riley, and two grandchildren Kimberly and Brandon Hemme.

She attended Business School in San Antonio, Texas then moved back to Mercedes, Texas. She began work at R.E.A. which later became Magic Valley Electric Coop where she met the love of her life Billy Joe Ryan. She worked there for 5 years. They were married April 1, 1949 for 66 years before he passed. She loved to sew plus cook for her family plus listen and sing to her music (gospel, & country). For the last years she enjoyed watching the deer in the back yard. She also loved watching her birds that she fed especially the male Cardinals. She always said it was Bill Joe coming by to check on her. Visitation services will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Chapel of Peace will open at 11:00 a.m. until time of 12:15pm interment departure for a 1pm graveside funeral service at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Weslaco Texas.

Pallbearers will be the grandchildren Jennifer Dierlam, Lori Barrera, Kristin Ware, James Hemme, Crystal Blethen, Josh Blethen, Aaron DuBose, Gwen DuBose and great grandchild Jace Ware (Honorary Pallbearer) Alternate is Aaron Ware.

Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Park

6705 Farm to Market 88  
Weslaco, TX 78596  
(956) 968-5538

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Billie always 'brightened the corner" of wherever she went. She will be missed, but not forgotten. She truly walked the Christian walk.*

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**David Davis** - October 29, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ *Bill and Billie had the same wedding Anniversary as my wife and I. Often we would end up at the same restaurant on April Fools Day enjoying our dinner. They were a wonderful loving couple.*

*In Memory,  
Wally and Mary Bunton*

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**Wally Bunton** - October 29, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Billie Katherine Ryan.*



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October 28, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Billie Katherine Ryan.*



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October 27, 2021 at 01:34 PM

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“ *The Nolens, Steve & Shelly, Michelle & Elaine purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Billie Katherine Ryan.*



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**The Nolens, Steve & Shelly, Michelle & Elaine** - October 25, 2021 at 10:11 AM



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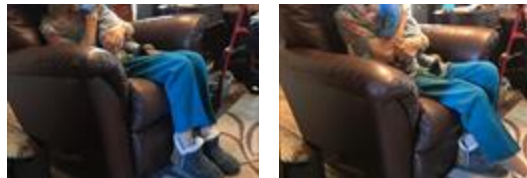


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**Jennifer Dierlam** - October 23, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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**Emily garcia** - October 23, 2021 at 10:26 AM



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Jennifer Dierlam - October 22, 2021 at 04:45 PM



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Jennifer Dierlam - October 22, 2021 at 03:18 PM



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Derrelene LaMantia - October 22, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Billie Katherine Ryan.*



October 22, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Ms Ryan she was always smiling and love when I would tell her HI beautiful she would say yes I am going miss her but she is in a better place love you my beautiful lady ❤️*

**juanita Martinez** - October 21, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *23 files added to the tribute wall*



**Kristin Ware** - October 21, 2021 at 03:14 PM