



Billy Joe Ryan

April 1, 1927 - December 22, 2015

Billy Joe Ryan passes away at 88

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Billy Joe Ryan. Son of F.A. and Gladys Ryan, was born in Indianahoma, Okla., on April 1, 1927 and lived most of his life in Mercedes, Texas. He passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 in Pleasanton, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Billie of 66 years; three daughters, Derrelene & Joe La Mantia of McAllen; Patti & Don Hemme of Pleasanton, Texas; and Tammye & Jerry DuBose; and one son, Bruce Ryan. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and youngest brother, Wesley Ryan of Tomball, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, F.A. and Gladys Ryan; his five brothers, Leo, Homer, Kenneth, Dick and Jack Ryan; two grand-children, Kimberly and Brandon Hemme; and three sister in laws, Jean, Joyce, Mary and parents. He played football for the Weslaco Panthers and graduated in 1945. He joined the Merchant Marines, and when he re-turned home he came to work at R.E.A., which later became Magic Valley Electric Coop, where his future wife was working at the time. He started working on January 10, 1947, digging holes for the utility poles. By 1986 he had worked himself up to becoming General Manager of M.V.E.C. He worked for 46 years and received many awards while he was there. He was baptized on March 8, 1949 at the church of Christ in Mercedes, Texas. He then started preaching when Derrelene was 6 months old. He preached at Port Isabel one summer, seven years in Combs, 26 years in Mercedes, and always taught

classes. After retirement, he loved to work in wood shops, and he and Billie loved to travel. Their last year and half they moved to Pleasanton to Don and Patti's home where he thoroughly enjoyed watching the deer.

Visitation was held on Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, December 28, 2015, for a 10 a.m. service at Church of Christ in Weslaco, Texas. Interment then followed at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Weslaco. Funeral services were under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Tribute Wall



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Tiffany Campos - October 23, 2021 at 12:26 AM



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Tiffany Campos - October 23, 2021 at 12:03 AM



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Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 10:03 AM



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Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 10:02 AM



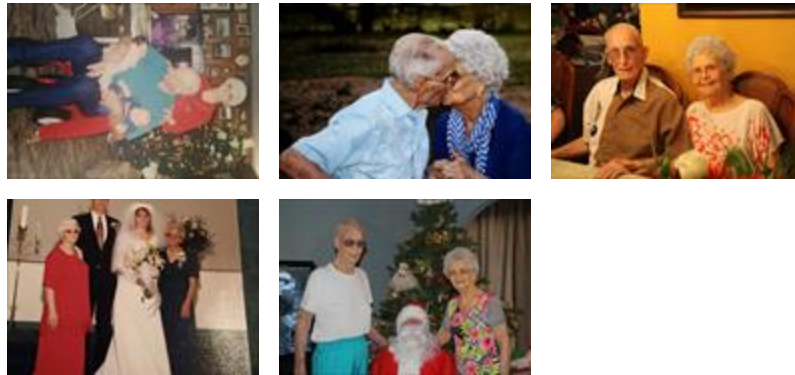
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Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 08:49 AM

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Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 08:46 AM

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“ Kristin Ware lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Ryan



Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 08:33 AM

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Pempaw it just isn't the same going to moms house but I feel your presence around me and I know you are there for Memaw taking care and watching over her. I will remember forever the last time you smiled at me in the hospital. Jace sees your picture of you in the Magic Valley Electric truck and says that's my Pempaw and I say it sure is. I have your picture on my cubicle wall so I can look over at you whenever I need you. I miss you Pempaw, I know Kirstin does to.

Kristin Ware - January 21, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Ryan.*



December 25, 2015 at 11:43 PM



“ *My memories of my Pempaw are many and sweet. Trips to Galveston with him and Mammaw for Magic Valley Electric conferences, milk shakes at Whataburger, white t-shirts and shorts to build beautiful things in his shop, his sermons at the Mercedes church and laying across the den carpet watching t.v. programs. Reading scripture during my teen years that I didn't know I'd cherish so until I was older. Lessons I will carry with me my entire life. Pempaw you are missed so deeply and I know that you are reaping rewards you worked so diligently for in this life. I love you so much.*

Tiffany Campos - December 25, 2015 at 10:53 PM



“ *Marvin and Mercedes Miller (Juan Luis Campos parents) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Billy Joe Ryan.*



Marvin and Mercedes Miller (Juan Luis Campos parents) -
December 25, 2015 at 03:28 PM

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“ I will always remember going to the old house in Mercedes sitting in your lap and you asking me about boyfriends lol.
I am so glad Shane got the chance to know you and what a great man you are! We love you so much and will cherish the memories we have forever!
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Emily Pliier - December 24, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ I will always remember my pampaw working out in his wood work shop and him barbecuing big turkey legs. he was so talented in so many different ways. I will never forget the type of man you were. I love you pampaw. Give my Mamaw Hemme a hug and kiss for me.

Crystal Blethen - December 24, 2015 at 03:25 PM

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“ The Wesley Ryan Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Billy Joe Ryan.



The Wesley Ryan Family - December 24, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ We are so sorry. He was such a good, Christian gentleman. Our sympathy to the entire family. Our love, Virginia, Freeman and Michael Pliier

Virginia Pliier - December 24, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Ryan.



December 24, 2015 at 10:07 AM