



Thomas "Tom" G Ryan

October 19, 1951 - December 27, 2023

Thomas "Tom" Glen Ryan

Thomas "Tom" Glen Ryan went to be with our Lord on December 27th, 2023 at age 72. He passed away

from a short battle of multiple myeloma in Corvallis, OR.

Tom was born in Seattle on October 19, 1951 to Thomas and Lillian "Rae" Ryan and was a West Seattle

boy. He grew up racing slot cars, riding his bike, fishing and camping with his family. Anyone who knew

Tom, knew he loved cars! In his younger years, they used to go four wheeling in his GMC Jimmy, cruise

around in his yellow Mustang, and later in life, frequently peruse Auto Trader for good deals, and if it

was a sunny day, there was a good chance he was washing and detailing one of their cars or trucks.

After graduating Edmonds High School in 1969, Tom joined the U.S. Navy Air and trained to pack

parachutes and take care of the aircrew survival equipment. He did project transition at Divers Institute

of Technology (DIT) in Ballard, Washington and graduated as a hard hat diver before honorable

discharge from the Navy. He worked at Boeing Flight Test Center in Seattle packing parachutes and

maintaining flight test equipment. After leaving Boeing, Tom sold Ford cars in West Seattle and

Lynnwood, Washington, and Newport, Oregon.

Tom met and married Roseanna Bright in 1973 and lived in Seattle until 1978 before moving to

Newport, Oregon with their son Gabe. After he sold cars for a short period of time in Newport, he

became employed with Central Lincoln PUD and shortly after their daughter Katie was born. He

eventually got a meter relay substation journeyman apprenticeship that took them south to Reedsport.

Over the years with PUD, he held jobs in Newport, Lakeside, and Reedsport, and loved being able to

drive up and down the Oregon Coast as part of his job. He retired from PUD after 33 years. He was a

proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local 659 and served for

many years as secretary and president for Central Lincoln PUD's unit for 659.

He served as a volunteer for both Seal Rock and Reedsport Fire

Departments. He also was a part of the

volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary for 20 years with both Umpqua and Yaquina Stations. After retirement,

he was the president of their neighborhood Road District Committee for 8 years. As well as served on

Seal Rock Water Department budget committee.

He was involved in their local churches over the years (Reedsport Christian Church, Harbor Baptist

Church in Winchester Bay, and Newport Christian Church) and was a deacon, sang in the choir, and

volunteered at vacation bible school and children's church. He loved meeting and talking to people and

he always had a story and a smile to share.

Tom and Roseanna celebrated 50 years of marriage this past July and traveled to Crater Lake in May and then to the Rogue River in July. He was a proud and loving father to Gabe and Katie and a beloved Grampy to his five grandchildren, Natalie, Becca, Charlotte, Luke, and Emma. Tom is preceded in death by his father Thomas Clayton Ryan and mother Lillian "Rae" (Ryan) Johnson and stepfather Lynn Johnson. He is survived by his wife Roseanna Ryan, son Gabe Ryan (Mandy), daughter Katie Hill (Tucker), grandchildren Natalie, Charlotte, and Emma Hill, and Becca and Luke Ryan as well his sisters Cheryl Hamilton (Bruce), Pam Johnson, and Diane Hoeschele (Bill), brother-in-laws, sisters-in-laws and many nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by many.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1:30 PM on January 27th at Newport Christian Church (809 SE Second St, Newport, OR 97365) with a coffee reception to follow and everyone who knew Tom is welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to your favorite charity

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 1:30 PM (PT)

Newport Christian Church
809 SE 2nd St
Newport, OR 97365-4001
(541) 265-2531

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Knew Tom since he first met and married Roseanne. He was one of the nicest guys I've known. I will forever remember his constant smile and hearty laugh along with some pretty tall tales. Miss you Tom...

Diane Roberts

donation made to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County

Diane Roberts - January 26, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JE

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

Judith E. - January 25, 2024 at 01:45 PM

SC

“ I worked with Tom at the Reedsport PUD for many years. Tom always had a smile and a cute way of cocking his head when he did. He was so proud of his family and loved to share stories about them. Every year at Christmas he would bring me a box of Aplets and Cotlets which I thought as so sweet of him. We had a PUD retiree picnic last summer so got to spend some time visiting with him, still the same smiling Tom❤️. My condolences to the family, you had a great guy. God bless

Shirley Carter - January 24, 2024 at 01:32 PM

NB

“ I will forever hold Tom in my heart and memory as smiling, friendly and always ready to greet me with a big hug. I felt safe enough to tease him about certain little things in our history, and he was always a good sport when I poked at him. And sometimes he even poked back. He seemed to get a real kick out of our little banter. When he was just about to take a bite of food I offered, I might say, "Beware, there's probably tofu in that!" Or, knowing nothing about sports myself, when he would talk about the Ducks and Beavers, "You mean to say, you weren't actually talking about animals!? No wonder I didn't get it!" He would put his hand to his chest, throw his head back and laugh, and then sigh a happy sigh.

Sometimes, when I came to visit, and he had some time, Tom would offer to wash my car. He loved to detail cars and get them all shiny and new looking, and mine was no exception. "Please, be my guest, knock yourself out!"

Thank you Tom, for being here. For all that you offered, for the smiles you gave, the stories you told (and I do recall hearing the one about the green dye - several times in fact!), for being my sister's husband, for being my brother-in-law. We miss you so much, but we know you are here and with us always. Until we meet again, thank you...



Nancy Bright - January 24, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ The Ferrero Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" G Ryan.

The Ferrero Family - January 24, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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“ The Ferrero Family purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Thomas "Tom" G Ryan.



The Ferrero Family - January 24, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DF

“ I will always remember Tom as Tommy. Growing up just a couple doors down from us on 46th SW in West Seattle. So many memories of all the fun and trouble we would get into back then. A couple of memories that stand out for me involved Tom and green sea dye. One summer at our parents lake in Conconully Tom was along for the trip and he placed green sea dye (military) in the lake and the lake water turned a bright green and spread over a lot of the lake. Another time we were in the West Seattle Junction and it had snowed and it was pretty deep snow. He decided to release the green dye again into the snow and it spread fast. It turned all the snow in the main intersection of the Junction bright green. I think it even made the news. Tom was a wonderful person and a wild and crazy guy and he will be missed for sure. Sending our love. Ric & Diane Ferrero (Just a couple of photos. Tom in wading pool and dress up with the kids in the neighborhood growing up. He is 3rd from the left in the one photo.)



Diane Ferrero - January 20, 2024 at 06:50 PM

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Cheryl Hamilton - January 17, 2024 at 06:45 PM

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Cheryl Hamilton - January 13, 2024 at 03:02 PM

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Cheryl Hamilton - January 12, 2024 at 10:49 PM

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