



## Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan

May 3, 1927 - May 23, 2026

Lloyd R. Ryan, born May 3, 1927, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Emma M. Ryan, with whom he shared a lifetime of devotion, partnership, and cherished memories.

Lloyd grew up in the small village of Athens, where he learned the value of hard work and community at a young age. As a boy, he held many jobs throughout the village, including working as a pin boy at the local bowling alley, delivering newspapers for the Athens Harold, and delivering milk for Vosburgh's. Those early experiences helped shape the strong work ethic and dependable character that would define him throughout his life.

As he grew into adulthood, Lloyd worked for the Greene County Highway Department while also building a prolific Christmas tree farm on the side. He was known for his love of the land and his willingness to work hard in every season. Over the years, he grew and sold tomatoes, picked apples, and cultivated many other crops and projects with pride and determination. Long before recycling became commonplace, Lloyd was a passionate recycler who believed strongly in making use of everything and wasting nothing — a reflection of both his practicality and deep respect for the world around him.

Lloyd had what many would call “two green thumbs.” His gardens were legendary, producing enough food to feed not only his family, but many others

as well. He found joy in growing things and sharing the fruits of his labor with those around him. Wild animals seemed to recognize his gentle nature just as much as people did — deer would eat directly from his hand, and skunks would patiently wait by the back door for leftovers from dinner. Animals and plants alike seemed drawn to Lloyd's kind, generous spirit.

In 1953, Lloyd met the love of his life, Emma. Their first date was on New Year's Eve at a party in Catskill, the beginning of a love story that would last a lifetime. By July 3, 1954, they were married, beginning 73 beautiful years together filled with love, laughter, hard work, and unwavering devotion.

In Emma's words, Lloyd was "the most perfect husband, father, grandfather, and friend," a man full of compassion who lived his life without hate for anything or anyone. His kindness, patience, and generosity touched everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Lloyd was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend who treasured time spent with his family and loved ones. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Vicky and her husband Tony; David and his wife Saysha; Richard and his wife Kelly; Lori and her husband Steven; and Barbara and her husband Chris. He is also survived by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whose lives were enriched by his love, guidance, and presence, as well as dear friends Marianne and Tommy Tompkins, and his sister Marjorie.

He was predeceased by his parents, Archibald Ryan and Ethel-Mallory Ryan; his brothers Claude, Myron, and Herbert; and his sister Alberta.

Lloyd will be remembered for the life he built with his family and the lasting impact he had on all who knew him. His enduring marriage to Emma stood as a testament to commitment, strength, and lasting love across generations.



## Cemetery Details

### Athens Rural Cemetery

Athens, NY

## Upcoming Events

### Burial Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Athens Rural Cemetery  
Olivett Lane  
Athens , NY 12015

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ Tom and Julie Olivett purchased the *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



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**Tom and Julie Olivett** - 2 hours ago

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“ Tom and Julie Olivett purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



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**Tom and Julie Olivett** - 2 hours ago

TO

“ Tom and Julie Olivett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.

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**Tom and Julie Olivett** - 2 hours ago

TO

“ Condolences to Aunt Emma and the family. Uncle Lloyd was a true good guy. Always worked hard and provided for his family. I never can remember him having a harsh word or getting mad about anything. Except maybe when we stole some of his home made wine. Exceptionally remarkable person. Certainly will be missed.

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**Tom and Julie Olivett** - 3 hours ago

TK

“ Traci Albright Kaylor purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



Traci Albright Kaylor - 4 hours ago

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MK

“ Lloyd was a wonderful man and a true gentleman. Always kind .

Matt Kenick - 4 hours ago

ER

“ Eva Vogler, Joan & Joe and Mari & Rebo purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



Eva Vogler, Joan & Joe and Mari & Rebo - 5 hours ago

NG

“ Many blessings to my wonderful aunt Emma and her family during their time of grief. We share in your sorrow and can only say what a wonderful man my uncle was; we loved him dearly, his beloved, soul is with the Holy Spirit now as we pray for you and your family.



Nancy Olivett Genco - 5 hours ago

MB

“ *What a kind, kind man. God bless Aunt Emma and all who loved and new him. ☐*

Mary O Booher - 5 hours ago

MB

*All who loved and knew him...*

Mary O Booher - 5 hours ago

M.

“ *M.jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan*



M.jones - 5 hours ago

JR

“ *My deepest condolences to Lloyd Ryan's wife & family . I can remember Lloyd when he worked for the county and would come in my parents restaurant with the guys , n also with Emma . He was such a nice man , always kind , and happy . May he rest in peace .*

*JoJo Rouse*

JoJo Rouse - 5 hours ago

DF

“ *We have so many wonderful memories of all the good times we shared as a large family. Uncle Lloyd was always there with a smile. Uncle Lloyd & our dad would have a race to see who would get the first red tomato. Love, Helen, Diane & family. We planted a small grove of trees so he will always be remembered.*

Diane Ferro - 6 hours ago



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Llyod R. Ryan.

7 hours ago



“ Sending my condolences to Aunt Emma and the Ryan family 🙏 love you all ❤️



Carol Ryan - Yesterday at 09:02 AM



“ Mark Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan



Mark Ryan - Yesterday at 08:44 AM



“ Tina Hotaling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan



Tina Hotaling - May 24 at 06:06 PM

WC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Emma and the entire Ryan family. May all that knew and loved him find some comfort in their wonderful memories of him.*

*Wendi (Tompkins) & Mike Carroll*



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**Wendi & Mike Carroll** - May 24 at 08:16 AM