



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

Previous Events

Burial Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Athens Rural Cemetery
Olivett Lane
Athens , NY 12015

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Tom and I are saddened by the passing of Lloyd. He was a wonderful man who gave much to his community, friends and neighbors. Emma and family know you are in our thoughts and prayers. A Memorial tree is being planted in his honor.
Christine and Tom King

Christine King - June 03 at 05:26 PM



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

June 03 at 05:22 PM

SP

“ Emma and family. I am so sorry to hear of Lloyd's passing. He truly was a gentleman in every sense of the word. I remember him tapping maple trees for sap, searching for wild asparagus in the spring, always willing to share his knowledge of nature with anyone who would listen, ready to lend a helping hand whenever the need presented itself, and without fail, the ever present smile on his face. Great memories of your first cruise! My condolences to you all.

Sharon Palmateer - May 29 at 09:29 AM

PE

“ Dear Emma & family, we are so sorry for your loss. We will always have fond memories of Lloyd, he was a great guy. I always looked forward to seeing him when I was out for my walk. He always greeted me with a smile and great conversation. May your beautiful memories be a source of comfort for you ❤️🙏 Pam & Rich Van Etten

Pam Van Etten - May 28 at 09:48 PM

ND

“ Nancy & Tony Genco, Carmela Olivett & Family, Mary & Mark Booher, James Olivetti, Kathie & John Deluca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.

Nancy & Tony Genco, Carmela Olivett & Family, Mary & Mark Booher, James Olivetti, Kathie & John Deluca - May 28 at 10:43 AM

JF

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

John&Anthony Olivett and family - May 28 at 06:46 AM

JF

“ John&Anthony Olivett and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



John&Anthony Olivett and family - May 28 at 06:46 AM

MF

“ Marlene Foote purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.



Marlene Foote - May 27 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ *Jacqueline C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.*

Jacqueline C. - May 27 at 08:18 AM



“ *Emma and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Lloyd lived such a beautiful, long life, and I feel so lucky to have known and loved him like my own grandfather. I'll never forget him teaching me how to forage wild horseradish, clean it, and grind it to make our own. When he told me to smell it up close, I had no idea what to expect... but I'm pretty sure he did. The sting went straight to my brain, and we laughed so hard afterward. I'll always carry that memory with me. Sending you all my love.
-Brooke*

Brooke Comitale - May 26 at 08:34 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.*



May 26 at 08:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.*

May 26 at 08:26 PM

MH

“ *Mr. Ryan was a good man who loved his family dearly. His spirit and love can be seen reflected in his children who will carry on his legacy.*

Matthew Hartman - May 26 at 04:28 PM

TO

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



Tom and Julie Olivett - May 26 at 01:22 PM

TO

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



Tom and Julie Olivett - May 26 at 01:15 PM

TO

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

Tom and Julie Olivett - May 26 at 01:15 PM

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.

Tom and Julie Olivett - May 26 at 12:55 PM

TK

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



Traci Albright Kaylor - May 26 at 11:32 AM

TK

“ Traci Albright Kaylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lloyd R. Ryan.

Traci Albright Kaylor - May 26 at 11:32 AM

MK

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

Matt Kenick - May 26 at 11:10 AM

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 - May 26 at 10:54 AM

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 - May 26 at 10:42 AM

MB

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

Mary O Booher - May 26 at 10:40 AM

MB

All who loved and knew him...

Mary O Booher - May 26 at 10:41 AM

M.

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



M.jones - May 26 at 10:30 AM

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 - May 26 at 10:09 AM

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 - May 26 at 09:13 AM



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

May 26 at 08:59 AM

CR

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



Carol Ryan - May 25 at 09:02 AM



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



Mark Ryan - May 25 at 08:44 AM



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



Tina Hotaling - May 24 at 06:06 PM



“ *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

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