



James G. Ryan

February 22, 1931 - July 7, 2025

James (Jim) Grogan Ryan, 94, peacefully passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025, after a brief illness. Jim was a lifelong resident of Springfield, MA and spent his later years in Wilbraham, MA. He was the son of the late James David Ryan and Florence Grogan Ryan. He graduated from Classical High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Clark University. While there, Jim was recruited to serve in the US Army's Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), and stationed in West Berlin, Germany during the Korean War Era. Upon returning to civilian life, he earned a master's degree and CAGS from Springfield College. He worked in the Springfield Public Schools as a teacher, guidance counselor and guidance supervisor for over thirty years. Concurrently, Jim worked for over forty years as an adjunct professor of sociology and psychology at STCC. Jim was married for 54 years to Maureen Sullivan Ryan. In retirement they traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Jim was predeceased by his wife, Maureen and son, John D. Ryan. He leaves three children: Paul (Patty) of Springfield, MA, Tim (Valeria) of Manchester, VT, and Mary Ryan Sullivan of Wilbraham, MA. In addition, Jim leaves four grandchildren: Allie Ryan, Sam Ryan, Jack Sullivan, and Michael Sullivan. Jim was a lifelong member of the Springfield Elks #61. He will miss his Friday night gatherings and good friends that made sure he got there. He also belonged to the Military Intelligence Association and the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association. His family would like to give special thanks to caregivers Hyacinth Dixon, Anita Williams and Andree

Fitzpatrick. As well as Michael McCoul, P.A., Jim Cycz, N.P. and the staff at Chestnut Hill Nursing Home. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. The funeral home service will take place the following morning, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM, followed by burial with military honors at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's memory to Valley Eye Radio, Springfield, MA. Please visit Jim's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New England Funeral & Cremation Center
25 Mill Street
Springfield, MA 01108
(413) 733-1522
info@nefcc.net
<https://www.nefcc.net/>

Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Burial - Military Honors

JUL **16** (ET)

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery
1390 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Tribute Wall

NP

“ As former neighbors and family friends we will always remember Jim for the kindness and endless stories he entertained us with. May he rest in peace.

Nick & Maria Papadoulis - July 16, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LA

“ Longmeadow Education Association purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James G. Ryan.



Longmeadow Education Association - July 13, 2025 at 09:19 PM

RG

“ Jim was a colleague, mentor, and sounding board for me during our years together at Forest Park. We would run into each other at local stores after he retired, and I always enjoyed those chance meetings. My condolences to his family. You've lost a good one.
Richard Glashow

Richard Glashow - July 12, 2025 at 12:02 PM

DR

I was totally surprised on 31 July to learn of Jim's passing. We occasionally talked on the phone and I called today to have another conversation and heard instead that his phone was disconnected. We met years ago through our CIC connections and always had good times together. He lost his wife shortly before I lost mine so we were special to each other. I will miss him greatly. May Jim RIP.

Duane A. Rasmussen - July 31, 2025 at 02:12 PM