



William H. Ryan

August 17, 1937 - April 12, 2016

William H. Ryan, age 78, died suddenly in his Sylvania home on April 12. Bill grew up in east Toledo and graduated from Macomber High School. He received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Toledo. In 1957 he became chief engineer at WGTE-TV, followed by a 27-year engineering career at Owens-Illinois, where he received several patents for developments in glass manufacturing. After retiring in 1989 he briefly taught classes at U.T. He then returned to WGTE, where he designed and installed the radio suite in their new building.

Beginning in his childhood Bill was fascinated by science, particularly radio and TV. This interest continued throughout his life in his work and his hobbies. He was involved backstage in many theater productions. He worked with youth groups to promote their interest in math and science. He enjoyed travel and tent camping with his children, and was involved with his daughters' Girl Scouting activities. He taught them how to drive their first cars and also how to maintain and repair them.

In the Korean War era, Bill served in the Air National Guard, first at Toledo Express Airport and then various posts in the United States.

William is survived by Constance, his wife of 45 years, daughters Renee (David) Russell and Polly (Aaron) Wheeler and grandchildren, Cecilia, Halcyon and Mathias, sisters Carol Koury and Kathleen Roberts and brother, Lawrence. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Catherine Ryan.

Friends are invited to visit on Friday, April 15 at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM where a scripture service will begin at 7:00PM. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at Corpus Christi University Parish, where he was a long-time member, on Saturday April 16 at 10:00 AM. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:30 AM. Interment will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi University Parish
2955 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

PK

“ I was a cashier at Tony Packo's, on Front, for many years. Am retired now. I got to know "Mr. Bill" when he would come in for lunch with Dan and sometimes other co-workers at tv30, He was such a dear and gentle man. My heart broke when I saw his obituary in the Blade. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I always called him "Mr. Bill", and he would just shyly laugh. I will always consider him a friend. Your family, and Mr Bill, are truly in my prayers.

Pamela Kremnetz - April 15, 2016 at 10:30 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 15, 2016 at 10:14 AM

PK

So very beautiful.

Pamela Kremnetz - April 15, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William H. Ryan.



April 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 14, 2016 at 09:31 PM

SA

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Connie, Polly and Renee you are in my prayers. I have lots of memories of visiting while growing up.

Sabrina - April 14, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William H. Ryan.



April 14, 2016 at 06:11 AM

AE

“ Connie, So very sorry to hear this news. You and your girls are in our thoughts and prayers
Andi Erbskorn and your Sylvania Historical Village family

Andi Erbskorn - April 13, 2016 at 02:10 PM

GK

“ I always enjoyed the few time we were able to be together with Bill and Connie. Bill always provided a interesting conversation with his vast knowledge of technology. I will always remember the small world discovery of a few years ago when I learned from Bill that he knew and was friends with individuals that I grew up with as kids on Murphy Street in Lima Ohio.

Our condolences to the family on their loss

Gary & Ruthann Kroeger

Gary Kroeger - April 13, 2016 at 01:50 PM