



Melvin Ryan

December 28, 1932 - August 25, 2020

Our loving Father, husband and best friend, Melvin Ryan passed away at his home in Heber City, on August 25th, 2020.

His presence will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He had a witty sense of humor and he always had a joke to tell you. He loved the outdoors, nature, hunting, fishing, shooting or just a good walk in the woods. He worked as a miner in Park City, at Stanley Abstract & Title and for Wasatch School District. He married Vera Anderson in 1950 and they were married for 60 years. Together they had 6 children, Peggy Painter, Brad Ryan, Caralee Sollami, Linda Smith, Jenny Coombs and Molly Todd. He was a Scout Master in the Heber 3rd Ward for many years and received the Silver Beaver Award. He has influenced many lives during his time here on earth. After his wife Vera, passed away, he married Rosalee Ivers in 2014. Together they were very happy.

Funeral Services will be for family members on Wednesday, Sept 2nd in the Memorial Hill Ward, Midway Utah. Please go to Probst Family Funerals for Zoom instructions, and to share a memory of Melvin at <http://www.probstfamilyfunerals.com>.

The Funeral service will be streamed on Zoom for those who wish to attend remotely. Instructions are: Open zoom app., then go to Join Meeting; Enter the meeting ID: 4356545458, Select "Join", Select "Join with Video". Select "Call using Internet Audio". THEN SELECT "MUTE".

Cemetery

Heber City Cemetery

680 N. 550 E.
Heber City, UT, 84032

Events

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Visitation

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Memorial Hill Ward

250 E. 200 S., Midway, UT, US, 84049

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Service

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Memorial Hill Ward

250 E. 200 S., Midway, UT, US, 84049

Comments



“ Mel was one of the best friends our parents and family had. He even knew our grandparents and had hunted and fished with Asher and Roy. In the 1960's he accompanied our Dad, Ray Anderson, Doc Green, Byron Cheever, Dan Wright and various young men from the high school on raft trips on the Yampa, Green and Colorado Rivers. We always joked that he was born 100 years too late--he was such an outdoorsman and adventurer.

We'll never forget the old green truck with broad front fenders. He mounted an old metal seat from a tractor or other farm implement on the right front fender along with a seatbelt. It was a perfect, ingenious solution for road hunting for pot gut squirrels and other vermin. We thought of him as John Wayne in the movie Daktari, but only better.

Words that describe him: Calm. Crack shot. Gardener. Father. Provider. Honest. Good natured. Prepared. Friend. Scouter. Naturalist. Inventor. Always ready to help.

There were some happy reunions on the other side of the veil when he crossed over. After the initial hugs and spiritual tears, I'm certain that the stories would start to flow around some heavenly campfire as Mel held court with all of his friends.

Our hearts and prayers are extended to his family at this time. May you be supported and comforted by the Spirit of our Heavenly Father as you mourn his passing.

Chris and Kathy Merkley
Kevin and Pat Merkley
Robert and Jennifer Klein
Marie and Frost Steele

Chris Merkley - December 02, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Ryan family, I'm sad I wasn't able to attend his funeral. I have so many fond memories. Mel was my assistant Scout Master and was a key individual in helping me stay excited about scouting. I recall a winter camp up in Strawberry where we were snowshoeing part way and then getting rides on snowmobiles to the cabin where everyone was going to sleep. I had wanted to try sleeping in a snow cave and all the other boys that first thought they would, now were just going to stay in the cabin. Mel was nice enough to not only encourage me but came out to help. We went back inside after an hour to get warmed up. While inside there was a loud rumbling sound as the snow on the metal roof slid off. Quickly Mel and I ran outside to see if the snow had covered the snow cave. Luckily I had started the cave far enough away that the snow just added to the roof.

I can still all these years later remember Mel's smile as he said how happy he was we were not going to have to dig it out again. We slept in the cave that night and were warm and toasty in our sleeping bags.

I managed to earn my eagle and I can say he was a major factor in obtaining that award.

That was 50 years ago and as the years have raced by, it was always nice to stop and visit with him when I was up there in Heber. I can tell from all the comments you know he was a great man.

God bless

Robert Schloss

Orem, UT

Robert Schloss - September 14, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ To my dear, sweet Uncle Mel you will surely be missed. When I think of you I will remember the jokes you had to tell, always with a big grin and that twinkle in your eyes. You and Aunt Vera raised a beautiful talented family. I was so happy when you found a friend in Rosa Lee. She is such a wonderful person and I am glad you were able to enjoy a few years together. The time that you and Rosa Lee were able to spend with Mom and Dad meant the world to them. Mom was so happy to get to spend time with her big brother and Dad always enjoyed the dinner's at Red Lobster. You are one of the finest men I will ever know. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have you in my life. You remind so much of Grandpa Ryan and Uncle Lowell.

May your family be blessed during this sorrowful time. We love you all.

Debra Manteca Breinholt

Debra Manteca Breinholt - September 03, 2020 at 12:13 AM



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Melvin Ryan Family...

So sorry to loose Mel...He was a long time friend of mine. He had a humorous and kind personality. We always joked together coming to church as I gave the Ward Bulletin to him and Rosalie. My love to each of you.

Dennis Clegg

Dennis Clegg - September 02, 2020 at 07:22 PM



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We only met "Grandpa Ryan" a couple of times, but were so impressed by his happy and good-natured countenance. Our daughter Melanie and her husband Justin (grandpa Ryan's grandson), always spoke highly of him and loved to visit him with their children. He is a kind and good soul. We express our sadness for the loss of your dad, grandfather, uncle and friend. Truly a great man has gone to heaven to join his dear wife.

Max & Julie Forbush

Julie Forbush - September 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM



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I only knew Mel a short time. We worked at the high school together. I loved his stories his poems and hearing his life expectancies. He is one of the best men I've known

ken jones - September 02, 2020 at 12:20 PM



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Mel Ryan was a wonderful neighbor on Third South. A good neighbor and great scout master for the boys in the neighborhood. He is remembered with found memories.

Darlene Mecham Seely

D. (Mecham) Seely - September 02, 2020 at 02:16 AM



“ I'm heartbroken to read of Mel's passing. I loved getting to know Mel while helping run the HVGC. He was the most genuine, kind, good-natured man I have ever met, and his support and love for his family was unmatched. He never missed an opportunity to watch Cam, and I remember watching him beam with pride every time Cam stepped up to the line. He was a great example, and will be SO missed. Love to all of Mel's family!

Jennifer Peatross - September 02, 2020 at 12:49 AM



“ I just found out Mel passed away today. I was so sorry to hear that. I visited with Mel at dad's funeral and told him I would come up and visit with him soon. I feel really bad that I didn't make that happen. He was my first Scoutmaster and I was always impressed about how much he knew about hunting, fishing, and the outdoors! He taught us how to clean a rifle, cook on a fire, and how to keep a clean camp. He was a true outdoorsman! Later in life I wanted to trap bobcats, but I didn't have any traps so he gave me a few pointers and let me borrow his for the Winter. I always felt welcome in Mel and Vera's home. It was fun at Christmas time to watch them make Pecan Rolls. They were the best! My dad and Dezzie thought the world of Mel and Vera and so do I. I always considered him a good friend! I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Kenny Probst

kenny probst - September 01, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ We love our sweet Mel! We will sure miss seeing him as we go to visit Grandma thank you for being such a great friend to Grandpa and Grandma we are so sorry for your loss sweet Rosealee and family. Love Chris and McKell Provost family

Chris Provost - September 01, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Ryan family and Rosalee,

Mel was my favorite!! He and Vera were friends with my parents from High School to the day dad passed away 4 years ago.

Mel was so fun and always pleasant and always had a joke! He always called me Kiddo!

When I worked at the Clinic for Dr. Pitts, when I saw his name on the schedule I knew it would be a fun day. Of course at Christmas he brought the Pecan Log!!

Mel went out of his way to see and be with my father the fall before he passed away at Swiss Days. They sat and talked about the old days and the fun things that they would do together. He took his time to make my dad who had dementia happy and comfortable with all the gathering.

I loved him as a brother for the kind way he treated me and my family.

Rosalee, he was so happy to be with you and appreciated all that you did for him. He said to me, "Isn't she beautiful?" He was so happy.

May the Lord bless all of you at this difficult time with peace and comfort that we can all be together again someday.

With love,

Deb Sorensen.

Debbie Sorensen - September 01, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Sixty years and three months ago, began a friendship that has been one of the highlights of my life. Our 16 man crew that ran the rapids of the Colorado River were molded forever together by the glue of Mel Ryan. Never saw him over the next six decades where words like "Rapid Ritchie" or "Rim Jidse" or "Gigi one to Gigi two" would come forth with a big grin, smile and some memorable stories would follow about that experience. I think Mel is the last of the 'senior' members to join in that celestial gathering place (the rest of us were just graduating from High School or close) and I'll bet he has already gathered them together for a reunion and story telling of that run down the river. He was a great man, a great friend and a great candidate to help Father create magnificent canyons with Rapid Rivers on worlds to come. I will miss those opportunities to 'run into' this good man and see that glowing smile and friendly greetings. Jim Ritchie

Jim Ritchie - September 01, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ How we love this guy! Always smiling and making one's day. Our love to his family and RosaLee.
Ashley and Marie Fish

ASHLEY R FISH - September 01, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, He made Rosealie so happy! I will miss his smile, he was always so nice. What a beautiful human being. May God bless you and yours in this time.
Sincerely, Lee Bonner



Lee Bonner - September 01, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Kent and Michele Ryan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Ryan.



Kent and Michele Ryan - August 31, 2020 at 11:29 PM



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



August 31, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Dear Ryan Family - We were sorry to hear of Mel's passing. We have such fond memories of our growing up years in the friendly, peaceful neighborhood on 3rd south. His beautiful garden, the green apple trees, the fresh caught fish he shared, the fabulous homemade candies from Vera's kitchen. Mel was truly one of the good guys. Always friendly and with a smile on his face until the end. May you kids be blessed with peace and comfort as you reflect on the memories you shared with your dad and grandpa.

With our sympathy and love
Peggy and Edd Thacker

Peggy Thacker - August 31, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Mel was one of a kind. I had the privilege of working by his side for several years at the School District. Many days we were in “alligators up to our ears” as Mel would say. He was always fun to be around and liked to make the best of every situation.

Mel was genuine, fun, and caring. Shooting was a favorite pass time. He loved taking Cameron shooting when Cameron was young.

I remember him spending many Saturday's at yard sales. He said he would ask, “any guns or tools?” If the answer was no, he moved on to the next yard sale.

Mel was a devoted husband. I could tell by the things he said that he loved Vera very much. After her passing, he felt fortunate to have a great friend in Rosalee.

I have fond memories of all that I learned from Mel. He has a wonderful legacy. I will miss him greatly!

Deepest sympathy to his children, grandchildren, and Rosalee!!

Francis Harrison Jr.

Francis Harrison - August 31, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ It was always a "good time" spent at our Senior Center luncheons when Mel was there. He was in "good company" with those who shared his humor. Eternal life is even better now that he has returned home. I cherish our memories of friendship, Condolences to your family.

LaRee Pedro - September 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Great man. I'm going to miss visiting other him. He was a joy to visit with.

Jeff Winterton - August 31, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ He was always a great friend. Ray loved working with him in the 3rd ward scouts. May he rest in piece.

Correne. Shaw - August 31, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ Dear Rosalee,
I remember seeing you and Mel at the hub when my sweet little Dad and I were having breakfast and you had just been married a short time! Mel's statement to me was," we are going to be married 25 years and count every month as a year!" Well honey, you made it 50++ and were so happy together! Love to you, Mel's family and yours and this time! Love and hugs to you all, virtual, of course! God bless us all!

All our love,
Susan and Gary Kohler

Susan Kohler - August 31, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ I traveled third south many times, you never past Mel's you didn't feel warm AND HEAVENLY

mike lindsau - August 31, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Dear Rosalie and Ryan Family,
We will greatly miss Mel. whenever and where ever you met him he always left you with a smile. Christmas was never complete without one off Vera Ryan's Peacan Nut logs. After Vera died, Nyda would send Mel some Raisin filled cookies and he would send us a nut log. Mel will forever be quoted and missed by the Harrison Family. We love you and share in your loss. Francis and Nyda Harrison

Francis & Nyda - August 31, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“What a great man, husband, father, friend, and neighbor. I was so lucky to have Mel and Vera Ryan as our neighbors during my growing up years. We had the best neighborhood and we all looked out for each other. Mel was like a big kid half the time. He enjoyed life and had fun. I thought he was such a handsome, happy, kind, and genuine man. My favorite thing was he had a pet name for me which was "Mart". Every time he would see me, he would ALWAYS say "Hi Mart".

Mel and Vera was one word in my vocabulary. They were always together and Mel helped Vera with all her candy projects and anything she needed. In her older years he was the very best caregiver anyone could hope for. At Christmas time Mel would bring us over Vera's fabulous homemade candy and we would send back my Dad's homemade sausage and eggs.

After Vera passed away, I believe Mel was so lonely. What a great find when he married Rosa Lee Ivers. I'm so glad they connected with each other and had 6 good years together.

To you children may I say that you were born of goodly parents. Lots of fun memories of our childhood. Peggy and I were such good friends for a long time. May you all be blessed with peace and comfort, loving memories of your parents, and lots of love as the days and weeks go by.

Martha Remund - August 31, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“Mel and I worked together at the school and he was a dear and special friend. Always kidding around and making jokes. That's what we loved about him. We kept in touch by running into each other at yard sales looking over all the old tools and guns. I will truly miss him.

Garry Mecham

Kristine Mecham - September 06, 2020 at 08:40 PM