



## Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Ryan

November 3, 1936 - April 6, 2021

Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Ryan, 84, of Petersburg, IL passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 2:30 AM at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg, IL. She was born on November 3, 1936 in Springfield, IL to Gerald R. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Brown who preceded her in death. She married Ralph L. Huffman in 1955 who also preceded her in death. She later married retired Lt Cmdr George H. Ryan and spent over 40 years with George traveling the world and all 50 states. He preceded her in death in 2013.

Liz is survived by her sons, Scott R. (Teresa) Huffman of Peoria, IL, and David B. (Barbara) Huffman of Ashmore, IL; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one sister, Jody VanNattan of Petersburg, IL; and one brother, Gerald "Jerry" R. (Pam) Brown Jr. of Petersburg, IL.

Liz was Salutatorian in the 1954 class at Waverly High School in Waverly, IL. She was a homemaker and also a longtime volunteer with over 24 years in the research library as the first smiling face many thousands would see at the Pensacola National Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL and had dedicated more than 4150 hours. Liz retired May 25, 2017 and received a Certificate of Exceptional Performance for her many years of service. She was an avid golfer achieving the Women's Top Flight Club Championship at Shambole Country Club. Liz loved, raised and showed horses/ponies including the 1966 National Champion Shetland Pony "Curtain Call". Liz was an eternal optimist with an infectious smile until her last breath.

Per Elizabeth's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and there will be a graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, IL on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Chaplain Ellen Anderson with Kindred Hospice will officiate. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 PM immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to SIU School of Medicine to help further their research of Alzheimer's Disease.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)  
Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Rose Hill Cemetery**

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Ryan



Hurley Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Ryan

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Very lovely remembrance of a beautiful lady. Dick & Jane Hall plan on being with you Saturday.

richard & Jane Hall - May 18, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Amazing tribute to my Mom..Liz Ryan..❤️...Hurley Funeral Home and their video partners...did an incredible job of capturing Moms life in 13 minutes..which is a fraction of her 84 years of the amazing life ! PLEASE watch and enjoy knowing that she's back with George and my Dad in Heaven ! Thanks for be'in my Mom...Love You and I'll join you someday ❤️

Scott Huffman - beloved Son - April 14, 2021 at 02:41 AM

DG

*I remember Betty most on her beautiful horse. As others have said, she was one of the upper class men in High School and I never heard a negative word from her!  
A great friend!*

dixie Lythell Gramke - May 27, 2021 at 12:06 AM

TR

“*Liz was a wonderful person. She was always upbeat and sweet. I am glad I had the privilege of knowing her. Prayers for the family.*”

tricia ruppel - April 10, 2021 at 08:15 AM

LH

“*Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Ryan*”



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 10, 2021 at 08:04 AM

JB

“*I enjoyed the stories Liz told me. The bear story of course was exciting! When I cleaned we'd visit and talk about the home improvement shows. She loved Chip and Joanna Gaines. She was a sweet lady and I am happy to have met her.*”

Jenny Baum - April 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM